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RUBBER SLUMP IN LONDON.

RESTRICTION ENQUIRY CONSTERNATION.

SURPRISE OF ANNOUNCEMENT DEPLORED.

NEW YORK REACTION.

London, Feb. 9.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin's announcement that the Committee of Civil Research had been asked to consider the operations and effects of the rubber restriction scheme, came as a complete surprise to Mining Lane.

The immediate effect was the disorganisation of the market this morning, followed by a slump in the cash price for rubber from 1/6 1/2d. per lb., last night's figure, to 1/4 1/2d. per lb.

Mr. Baldwin's Assurance.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Frank Nelson drew attention to the slump in the price of raw rubber as the result of the announcement that an inquiry was ordered into the Stevenson restriction scheme.

Mr. Nelson asked the Premier to take steps to expedite the enquiry, but Mr. Baldwin emphasised that the Committee must obtain a considerable amount of information before it reported to the Government on the subject.

Mr. Baldwin, however, gave the assurance that no time would be lost, and asked for notice of the question as to whether evidence would be taken in Malaya.

Heavy Loss to Mining Lane.

Sir W. Lane-Mitchell declared that the uncertainty caused by the announcement had cost the Mining Lane Market a loss of £23 per cent, and asked whether the present regulations were likely to continue for the next twelve months.

Mr. Baldwin said that that question should be addressed to the Colonial Office.

Rubber Growers Deplore Surprise.

The Rubber Growers' Association has issued a communique in which it deplores the manner in which last night's announcement was sprung upon the industry. The Association offers to do everything in its power to lighten the Committee's task, and urges that the inquiry should not be unduly protracted.

"Bears" in New York.

New York, Feb. 9.
There were most lively scenes at the Rubber Exchange to-day, due to a banish interpretation of Mr. Baldwin's announcement of the appointment of a committee to investigate the restriction plan. An avalanche occurred in the selling price of "near futures," which dropped three cents. The transactions totalled 2,631 lots, which is a record.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Rubber Shares Decline.

London, Feb. 9.
The Premier's rubber announcement caused a slump in the London rubber market to-day. Shot rubber which closed last night around 1/6d. per pound fell to 1/3 1/2d., but recovered later to 1/4 1/2d. while rubber shares declined in sympathy.

The slump was the subject of a question in the House of Commons, the Premier being asked whether he would expedite the inquiry having regard to possible violent fluctuations in rubber prices pending the report of the committee. Mr. Baldwin replied that the Committee would need to obtain a considerable amount of information but subject to that, no time would be lost.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Elly Kadoorie's Views.

Interesting views on restriction and its advantages were given to a *Free Press* reporter in an interview with Sir Elly Kadoorie on board the Empress of Australia. Sir Elly Kadoorie, who is at present in Hongkong, is a well-known business man of Shanghai, and has rubber interests in Malaya, and

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NAVY AGAIN TO FORE.

H.M.S. BEE RESCUES PIRATE CAPTIVES.

YANGTZE INCIDENT.

Chenglin, Feb. 9.

H.M.S. Bee was responsible for the rescue of a man and two girls who had been captured by pirates. The Bee was about seventeen miles below Chenglin when she was hailed in the afternoon by seven large junks which were lying at anchor. Men on board the junks reported that they had been attacked by armed pirates who boarded them from a small steam vessel. It was also reported that a wealthy Chinese and two girls had been taken for ransom. The pirates had also looted the junks, taking away a certain amount of money and valuables.

H.M.S. Bee gave chase and eventually overhauled the pirate junk. Those on board were able to escape, however, but the man and girls were rescued. All three are natives of the Shansi district and will be returned to their homes in due course.

Nine pirates took part in the attack on the fleet of junks.—*Naval Wireless.*

JAPAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

SPEECHES BROADCAST BY GRAMAPHONE.

MUCH ILL-FEELING.

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Japan continues to be absorbed in the General Election campaign. Gramophone records of speeches by the Premier have been distributed all over the country by the Government Party, but the Minister of Railways has gone one better by having himself cinematographed in the act of making speeches, a gramophone record synchronising his words and actions.

The Opposition Party has appointed Vigilance Committees to watch and report on irregularities by the Government Party, and the latter has retaliated by having the Opposition members spied and reported on.

The result is an unedifying spectacle of political espionage on an extensive scale, engendering much mutual ill-feeling.—*Reuter.*

LAUNCHING BRITISH AIRSHIPS.

TWO BEFORE END OF THE YEAR.

London, Feb. 9.

The Secretary for Air, asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he could give the definite dates for the launching of the airships "R100" and "R101", said he hoped both airships would be flying before the end of the year. The R100 would be flying before the end of the summer.

Replying to another question, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the experiments in the United States with a neon gas beacon for the purpose of emitting rays which penetrate fog for the guidance of aircraft were being closely watched by the Air Ministry.

A neon beacon was, in fact, he said, in regular use as part of the landing system at Croydon. It was installed as long ago as 1924, and was the first beacon of its kind to be used for aviation.—*British Wireless.*

ITALY AUTHORISES GAMBLING.

CASINO TO BE OPENED IN SAN REMO.

Rome, Feb. 9.

For "important political and economic reasons," public gaming tables are now, for the first time, officially allowed in Italy.

Stenor Mussolini, in sanctioning a Casino at San Remo says that if the Italians must gamble, let them lose their money at home.

The Casino will be run by a £2,000,000 company which will pay the San Remo authorities nearly £250,000 annually.—*Reuter.*

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF C. C. WU.

ASSAILANT ADMITS INTENTION.

ATTACK DIRECTED AT ALL THE PARTY LEADERS.

BOMBS ALSO THROWN.

Singapore, Feb. 9.

It is revealed that two bombs were thrown at Dr. C. C. Wu's party, in addition to the shot fired at Dr. Wu himself in the attempted assassination of the ex-Nationalist Foreign Minister outside the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Considerable alarm was caused at the outset, but except for the slight wound to Dr. Lim Boon-keng no-one was injured.

The assailant, who was arrested by the Singapore Police almost immediately, is alleged to be a Cantonese sent down by the Communist Party in Shanghai, and it is stated that he arrived from Shanghai only a few days ago.

Intended to Kill Wu.

Charged at the Police Court this morning with the attempted murder of Dr. Lim Boon-keng, the assailant replied: "That's incorrect. I did not intend to kill Dr. Lim Boon-keng. I intended to kill Dr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo, and Mr. Wu Han-min." He was remanded in custody and it is understood has made a full confession to the Magistrate.

Clemency Asked by Dr. Wu.

The Nationalist party left for Colombo this morning, and before the departure of the vessel, Dr. C. C. Wu sent a letter to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Sir Hayes Marriott, K.B.E., C.M.G.) asking for clemency for the assailant.—*Reuter.*

Yesterday's Sensation.

The plot to murder the principal members of Dr. C. C. Wu's party, said to emanate from Shanghai Communist sources, took place when the party was leaving the Chamber of Commerce Building, Singapore on Wednesday. Shots were fired, and Dr. Lim Boon-keng, the president of Amoy University, was slightly wounded.

Dr. C. C. Wu is in Singapore in connexion with a tour of the world, which has already included Manila, India, Turkey, Egypt and Europe. It is the intention of the leaders to study economic conditions in the countries visited.

The party is fifteen in number, comprising Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wu, Mr. and Mrs. Sun Fo, Mr. Wu Han-min, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. S. Y. Wu, another important official, Mr. F. U. Ly, of the Ministry of Finance, and others.

EVACUATION OF THE RHINELAND.

BRITAIN WOULD WELCOME AN ARRANGEMENT.

London, Feb. 9.

In the House of Commons, the question was asked, whether, in view of the fact that the Franco-German frontier had been guaranteed by the Locarno Treaty, the British Government would consider the evacuation of British troops from the Rhineland.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied "There has been no question of the isolated withdrawal of the British troops, which would not, in my opinion, be to anyone's advantage in the present circumstances."

The general evacuation of the Rhineland before the period laid down in the Treaty of Versailles can only be the result of an arrangement between the Powers whose troops are affected, on the one hand, and the German Government, on the other. If such an arrangement be possible, it will be very welcome to the British Government.

"In this connexion, I would refer to speeches regarding the conditions on which the anticipated evacuation might take place, which were recently delivered by French and German Foreign Ministers before the French Senate and Reichstag respectively.—*British Wireless.*

ABOLITION OF THE SUBMARINE.

BRITAIN HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOUR.

READY TO REAFFIRM.

London, Feb. 9.

The declaration of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, that his Government would be prepared to sign a treaty with all other Powers, prohibiting the use of submarines was the subject of a question in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "The views of His Majesty's Government in favour of the general abolition of submarines were made known at the Washington Conference of 1921, and repeated by the First Lord of Admiralty (Mr. W. C. Bridgeman) at the Naval Conference at Geneva last summer."

"They are, therefore, familiar to the United States Government. It is, of course, essential that the one condition, as indicated in Mr. Kellogg's declaration, must be that abolition must be universal."

Asked whether the matter was to be brought up at Geneva at the end of this month, Mr. Locker-Lampson said he did not know, but the British Government were perfectly ready to reaffirm the declarations which they had already made at Washington and Geneva.—*British Wireless.*

Six to be Built.

London, Feb. 9.
The Admiralty has placed orders for six submarines to be included in the 1927 Estimates. Five will be built by private industry at a cost of £2,500,000, and the sixth will be constructed at Chatham.—*Reuter.*

VIOLENT AMERICAN GALE.

MOUNT LOWE OBSERVATORY DAMAGED.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.

A violent gale tore off the top of Mount Lowe Observatory, near Pasadena, and wrecked a huge telescope.

Buildings in other cities were also wrecked, and in one place a thirteen-year-old boy was killed by grasping a 400-volt wire which had blown down.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN ARMY FUNDS.

REPRESENTATIVES REJECT AMENDMENT.

Washington, Feb. 9.

The House of Representatives has, by 103 votes to 71, rejected an amendment to the Army Appropriation Bill prohibiting Army transportation funds being sent to troops abroad, without the specific authority of Congress.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH FINANCIAL POLICY.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Feb. 9.

The Chamber passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 370 votes to 120 at the conclusion of the debate on the financial policy.—*Reuter.*

NO DISCRIMINATION.

IMPORTANT MEASURES PASSED.

New Delhi, Feb. 9.

The Council of State has passed two Bills carrying out the recommendations of the Auxiliary and Territorial Forces Committee, removing all existing discriminations between forces on racial grounds.—*Reuter.*

"FACE" TELEVISED TO NEW YORK.

BAIRD'S EXPERIMENT SUCCEEDS.

CRUDE, BUT PLAINLY VISIBLE OVER 3,000 MILES.

PERFECTION SIGHTED?

London, Feb. 9.

A pale picture of a face, looking as though printed on a piece of cloth fluttering in the breeze, was projected on to the wall of the London Headquarters of the Baird Television Company to-day.

This was a "pilot image," merely a dummy head, which was turned into soundwaves and sent droning like a bee across the Atlantic, and re-transformed in New York into a vision which was seen by a group of people waiting in a darkened basement in Hartsdale.

Violent Wind Impression.

The New York experimenters after tuning in the receiving apparatus with the aid of the transmitted dummy, then watched the movements of human heads, first that of Mr. J. L. Baird, the inventor, himself. He stood in a room flooded with light and faced a small square window which was apparently covered with a thin curtain. This was agitated as though by a violent wind and then he turned his head left and right, advanced and retreated in obedience to mysterious directions uttered by a loud-speaker.

Reuter's representative at the demonstration was similarly "transmitted" to New York.—*Reuter.*

Continually Buzzing.

Hartsdale, Feb. 9.

The movements of two people in a London laboratory were watched for over half-an-hour in a darkened basement here. The images were crude and broken, but nevertheless plainly visible. The "vision sound" transmitted by short wave wireless sets was continually buzzing, the irregular cadence representing in sound, the lights and shadows of the faces.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Considerable Advance.

Baird's invention shows considerable advance on its development in April last year when he sat before his television in London, and his face becoming a "fluctuating electric current" was picked up by a listener-in in New York. It was necessary for Baird to leave London for New York to turn the face's sound into the face itself.

London to Glasgow.

Over shorter distances Mr. J. L. Baird has accomplished a great deal more. Complete synchronisation between transmitter and receiver enabled a very distinct impression of the operator's face to be observed at 435 miles distance. The experiment was carried out between London and Glasgow over two ordinary Post Office telephone wires, a conversation going on over one, while television was accomplished on the other.

Mr. Baird is a British scientist who has been experimenting since 1925, and he has met with such success that the British Association is taking an official interest in the further development of the invention.

SETTLING CHINA'S PROBLEMS.

BRITAIN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH U.S.A.

London, Feb. 9.

In the House of Commons, in answer to a question as to whether Great Britain was taking further steps to co-operate with America in obtaining a peaceful settlement in China, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that the situation had remained unchanged since a similar question was put on December 12th.

He said that Britain would still maintain close touch with the United States in all matters of joint interest in China.—*Reuter.*

NICARAGUAN REBEL OUTRAGE.

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL TAKEN PRISONER.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

Managua, Feb. 8.

Mr. Harold Patterson, the British Charge d'Affaires at Managua, who recently received a letter from the British Vice-Consul at Matagalpa, asking for additional protection of the coffee plantations there against a feared raid by the forces of General Sandino, has now been informed that General Sandino has captured the British Vice-Consul.

It appears that the rebel general raided the coffee plantations, captured Mr. Alex C. Potter, the British Vice-Consul, and is holding him a prisoner.

Mr. Harold Patterson is conferring with Mr. Eberhardt, the United States Minister, with regard to the steps to be taken to protect British lives and property in the Matagalpa district.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AGE OF CONSENT IN INDIA.

GOVERNMENT OPPOSES BILL FOR RAISING.

WOMEN'S INTEREST.

New Delhi, Feb. 9.

Three hundred Indian women, delegates of the All-India Women's Educational Conference, the largest number of Indian women ever seen in the galleries of the Legislative Chamber, heard the proceedings in the Assembly to-day on a private Indian member's Bill raising the age of consent for girls to sixteen in the case of unmarried girls, and fourteen in the case of married.

At present the law allows consent at the ages of fourteen and thirteen respectively.

Mr. J. Crerar, Secretary of the Home Department, announced that the Government must oppose the Bill. It was a difficult problem which had to be dealt with very cautiously, and the Government had decided to appoint at some later date a committee composed of officials and non-officials to investigate the problem and also to go into the question of child marriages.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN WAR.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK LEAVES FOR SUCHOW.

Shanghai, Feb. 10.

Contrary to the last report concerning the movements of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, it is stated that Marshal Chiang left Pukow by special train for Suchow yesterday morning, accompanied by General Chen Tiao-yuen.

It is believed that he intends to investigate the defensive lines there and to consult with the generals now fighting on the Northern front regarding further operations.

The General Staff and the Secretary of Marshal Chiang's Headquarters will also depart for Suchow to-day.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

BRITISH AIR-LINER SCHEME.

U.S. TO CO-OPERATE WITH FIRST TRIAL.

Washington, Feb. 9.

Mr. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, has announced that the Government has approved U.S. co-operation in the British Transatlantic airship scheme, in connexion with which Commander Burney recently visited Washington.

The American co-operation will begin with the first trial trip which will probably be ventured three months hence.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SEVEN HUNDRED TOURISTS.

TWO BIG BOATS IN PORT.

EMPRESS LINER & BELGEN-LAND ARRIVE.

NOTABLES ON BOARD.

Bringing into port nearly 700 tourists, two big liners making world trips arrived in Hongkong this morning. They were the Red Star s.s. Belgenland, with 345 passengers, from Shanghai, and the Canadian Pacific s.s. Empress of Australia, with 330, from Manila. Both vessels are well-known here, as the former has on three previous occasions visited Hongkong in the course of world tours, whilst the Empress boat was formerly on the Hongkong-Vancouver run but has now been specially converted for touring purposes. The city has to-day been swarming with tourists, as a consequence of the dual invasion, and as the morning has been for the most part spent in shopping, most of the stores have done a roaring business.

The "Empress" Tour.

The Empress of Australia is on the fifth annual Canadian Pacific round-the-world cruise. Sailing eastward from New York on December 2nd, her passenger personnel, comprises many eminent men of the United States, Canada and the British Isles and several members of the British, French and Swedish nobility.

The Empress boat, which is well remembered for her rescue and relief work among refugees from the Yokohama earthquake on September 2, 1923, will remain in Hongkong four days, sailing for Shanghai on Monday night at 10 o'clock. Thence, she will proceed to Chingwangtao, while her passengers visit Peking; across the Yellow Sea to Boppo, Kobe, and Yokohama in Japan, and then to the Hawaiian Islands and San Francisco, returning to New York, by way of the Panama canal, on April 22.

Among the prominent Americans are Dr. George W. Coleman, president of Babson Institute, near Boston; Mr. Wilford H. ("Captain Billy") Fawcett, publisher of *Whiz Bang* and numerous other periodicals; Mr. Arthur D. McBurney, Jackson, Mich., wealthy furniture manufacturer; Mr. Charles Alva Lane, manufacturer and author, Alliance Office; Mr. George C. Perkins, originator of the "Dorothy Perkins" rose, and Dr. Joseph Pife, San Francisco surgeon.

Some Notabilities.

Among the Canadians are Mr. Edson L. Pease, former vice president of the Royal Bank of Canada; Mr. Hugh Paton, founder of the Dominion Express Company, and Mr. Albert J. Brown, K.C., vice president of the Montreal Trust Company and senior member of Brown and Montgomery, Canada's foremost legal firm.

Titled Britishers aboard are the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Earl of Roslyn, Lady Williams-Taylor of Montreal and Sir Elly Kadoorie of Shanghai. Foreign notables include Baron and Baroness de Foucaucourt of Paris and Count Carl Strömfelt of Sweden.

The cruise members will take the New Territories, the Peak and round-the-island drives during their visit here, and 130 will make the optional excursion to Canton, 80 by steamer Saturday and 80 up by rail and back by steamer on Sunday.

The Empress of Australia is internationally known for her sumptuous furnishings and the spaciousness of her staterooms. She is 615 feet long, 75 feet wide and has a gross tonnage of 21,833. Passenger accommodation is distributed over seven decks, but owing to the limited, exclusive membership, only six are used for the cruise. Her commander is Captain R. G. Latta, who brought the "Empress of Scotland" to this port last year and the year before. In his crew are 548 souls, including 50 officers. Mr. Wm. McInnes, veteran of three world cruises, is director-in-charge, though only in his earliest thirties.

As to the passengers themselves, the eldest is 80 and the youngest (Continued on Page 8.)

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CASE NOT PROVED.

LAWYER CONDEMNS POLICE TRAPS.

The summons against the proprietor of the Nanking Boarding House for allegedly allowing his premises to be used for immoral purposes was dismissed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Geo. K. Hall Brutton, who defended the proprietor, called several assistants from the boarding house to say that none of the waiters, room boys, or servants fetched the women concerned in the case, into the boarding house. The defence witnesses stated that one of the police decoys had himself brought the women, who were later found in the boarding house by the police party.

The story of the defence was that one of the police decoys, using the name of Leung Yuet, went to the boarding house at 2 p.m. on the afternoon of January 20. After properly registering himself, he told one of the waiters that he was expecting his family from Macao and that when his family arrived he would require a further room. In the course of the afternoon, another man, who later proved to be a second police decoy, arrived at the boarding house. The two men had their evening meal together shortly before six o'clock. After the meal Leung Yuet left the boarding house and returned later with two women. He sent for the servants of the boarding house and asked for a further room. The decoys, it was alleged, told the boarding house employees that the two women were their wives. Both women were asked whether the men were their husbands and both replied to the boarding house clerk in the affirmative.

Still Some Distinction.

A rather unusual question was put by Mr. Hall Brutton to one of his own witnesses, who in the course of his evidence stated that the women did not look like prostitutes. Mr. Brutton asked the witness if he could draw a distinction nowadays between that class of women and the ordinary women. The reply was that a family woman could generally be distinguished by the fact that there was not an excessive application of powder on her face. The witness added, however, that the two women concerned in the case were not over-powdered.

At the conclusion of the evidence for the defence Mr. Lindsell remarked that the case for the prosecution was not very satisfactory and that the answer given by the defence was very strong. In the absence of the two women from the case, he found it impossible to convict.

Mr. Brutton then asked his Worship to make some comment on the police sending decoys to a respectable boarding house, pointing out that during the last eight years the police had no occasion to bring any charge against the proprietors. He said that the women were brought to the boarding house by the police themselves and he informed his Worship of the difficulty the boarding house would have in distinguishing a prostitute from a family woman, adding that in years gone by no respectable woman would be seen inside a boarding house but that one could not distinguish them nowadays, as they all dressed, painted, and powdered alike.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that the police could not disclose the reasons for which they acted, adding that he did not know whether in the present case the police had received information regarding the boarding house.

Mr. Brutton said that there had been no complaint against the boarding house for the past eight years.

The Magistrate observed that if the police did not have any complaint made to them, he agreed with Mr. Brutton that the laying of this particular form of trap was, in his opinion, undesirable.

A PIRATES' DEN.

STRANGE STORY OF AN ESCAPE.

The story of how he and thirty other prisoners spent several months with the pirates in Tai Ping Sha Village, on the West River, and how with six other captives he succeeded in escaping from the pirates' den, was told to the Press by Ip Kai, the Chinese shroff of the s.s. Kowchow, a Hongkong-Victoria vessel, which was attacked by Chinese pirates some months ago when more than seventy passengers were kidnapped and one of the British officers on board was killed.

When interviewed Mr. Ip said: "We were taken by the pirates from the Kowchow to a place called Ko Ming, Tai Ping Sha village. There were over seventy prisoners, among them Chan Wan-sang, the Chinese compradore of the Kowchow. Tso Kai, a wealthy merchant and Woo Lung a shop-owner of Fatsan and other merchants, but the majority were of the poorer class. On our arrival at Ko Ming a careful examination was made of the hands and feet of everyone by the pirates, after which they segregated forty as poor labourers giving each of them two dollars and sending them away.

"The compradore and myself and the above-mentioned merchants were among the unfortunate ones who were left behind. We were later divided into groups of from seven to ten persons. I was placed with six others while my friend, the compradore, was imprisoned with about ten others. Not only were we lodged at different quarters, but each of us had a different pirate guard over us.

"We had two meals a day, the pirates allowing us twenty cents for the supply of our food. The food was bad and our lodging was still worse. It was a small hut divided into two parts, one of which was occupied by the pirates, the other part, which was smaller, was used by our party of seven. Both our hands and legs were chained with irons, while outside the hut three guards were always on the lookout.

Hunted by Soldiers.

"The worst part of our time was when the pirates heard that soldiers were passing the village. They would take all the prisoners out to an obscure place by the riverside and putting us all into a sampan, covered us with grass. Sometimes we had to stay in the sampan for more than an hour. Generally after a visit of the troops the pirates would move us to a new hut.

"There, inside the hut, we stayed with the pirates day after day, and month after month, and but few of us succeeded in leaving the place. Not that our families failed to offer the pirates a reasonable ransom, but the freebooters were too greedy in their demands. To illustrate this I can cite the case of Tso Kai, who was one of the seven in my party. Tso was considered fairly well off and this the pirates were fully aware of. At first they demanded a ransom of \$10,000. The family offered \$3,000. When the pirates heard that Tso could offer \$3,000 they thought he must be rich and increased their demand to \$20,000. Later when Tso's family in Fatsan consented to pay \$5,000, the bandits asked for \$50,000, with the result that the family seeing that the pirates were so unreasonable broke off the negotiations. It must have been a great disappointment to the pirates when later Tso succeeded in escaping with us without paying a cent for his freedom.

Guards Dissatisfied.

"While the pirate chiefs continued to make exorbitant demands, some of their followers, who acted as guards for several months were getting tired of the whole thing, having waited for a long period without result.

"One of the three guards who looked after our party was a man named Fung who appeared to be more considerate than his compatriots. Sometimes when Fung was in a happy mood he used to chat with us and one day we secretly made him the offer that if he could effect our release the seven men in our party would pay him \$10,000.

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000. The agreement being sworn to, Fung eventually consented. "A day was appointed, the 17th of last month. At midnight while the two other guards were fast asleep Fung opened the door and led us all out. After a long journey on foot passing from Ko Ming to the village of White Bridge, we reached Man Lok where we boarded a junk for Fatsan, it having been arranged that the whole party together with Fung should go to Fatsan first where we would make good our promise to him before we went back to our respective towns.

"We arrived safely at Fatsan on January 20. Of the promised sum Tso Kai paid Fung \$5,000 another merchant, Woo Lung gave him \$1,500, the third Tong Kwan, \$1,000 while my share was \$500, the rest of the sum being paid by the three remaining men.

"Before concluding his story, the speaker added that the most pathetic part of the story was that upon his arrival at Fatsan with the party of seven, Fung learned that his seventy-year-old mother, who was living in Ko Ming had been killed by the pirates by way of revenge. Before we left the pirates' den, Fung had arranged that his family should leave later the same night, but only the children and Fung's wife succeeded in leaving, his aged mother declining to accompany them with the tragic result that the pirates murdered her.

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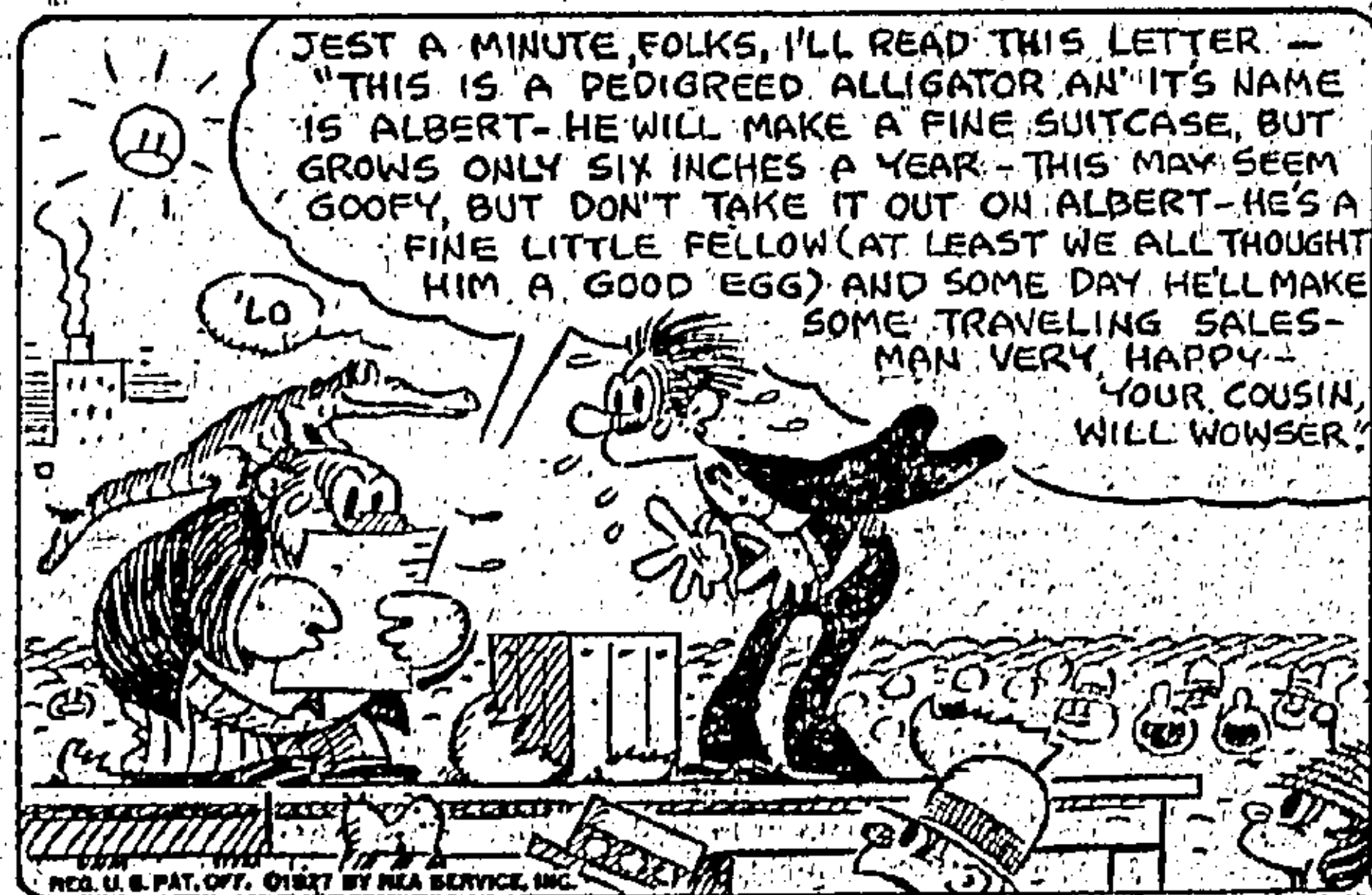


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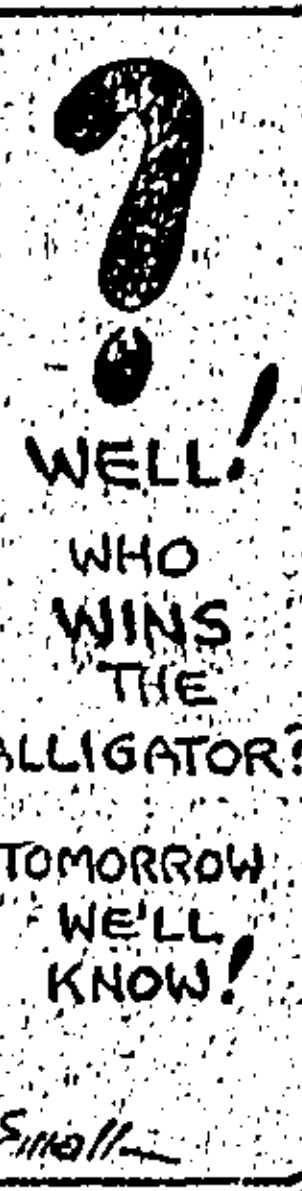
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Dr. Lim Boon-kong, who was wounded in the attempt on the life of Dr. C. C. Wu.



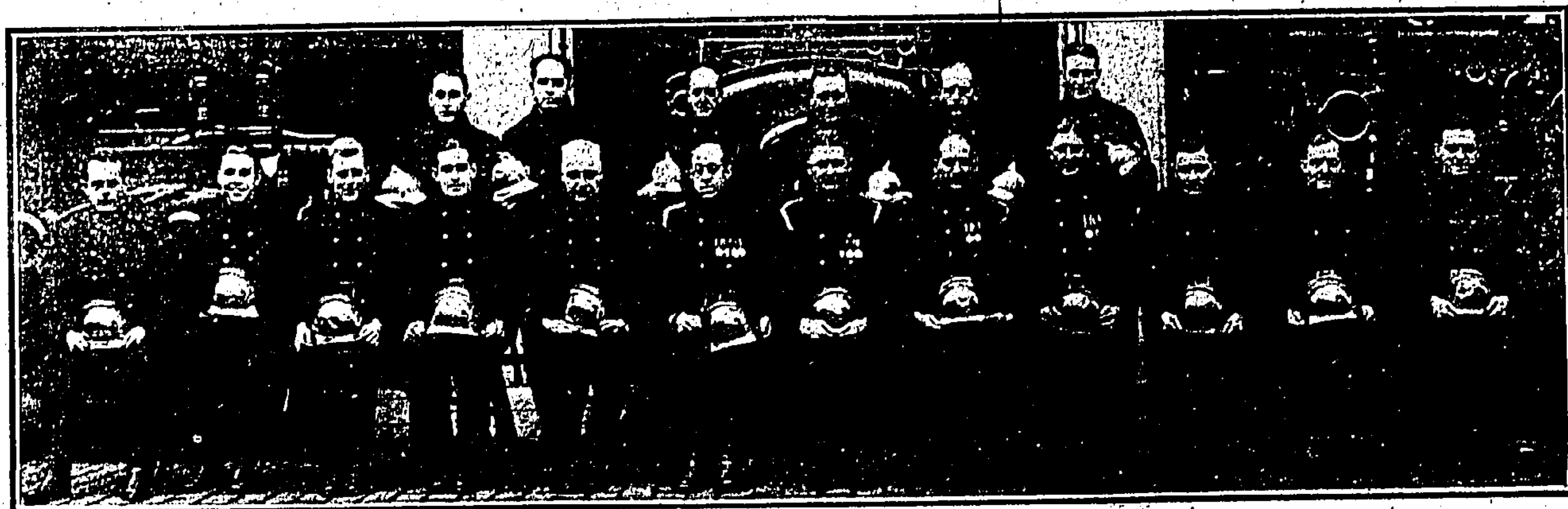
A skier photographed in the Chilterns during the recent Home snowstorms.



General Sir John Duncan, on his way to the s.s. Malwa, leaving Shanghai.



MacDonald Smith, indicated by the arrow, on the last hole at Los Angeles. He won the tournament.



A photograph of the No. 2 Company, Shanghai Volunteer Fire Brigade.



The ex-Maharaja of Indore and Miss Nancy Miller, whose romance has caused comment.



The American delegation to the Pan-American Conference is depicted above.

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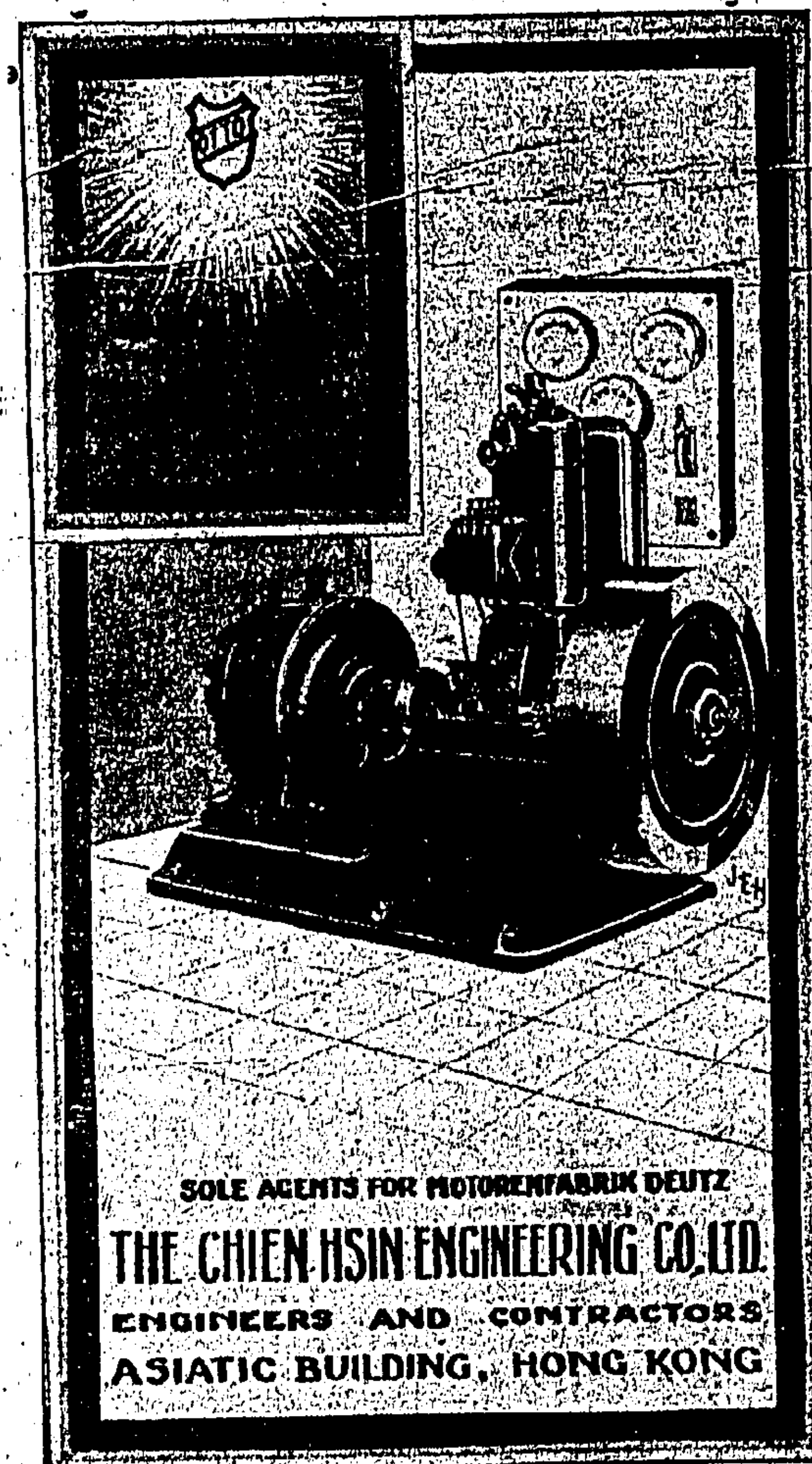
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG WATERWORKS.
IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on and after Friday, the 17th February, 1928, THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO ALL WHARVES IN VICTORIA will be turned off, and will remain cut off while the present restrictions on the Colony's water supply continue in force.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, Feb. 9th, 1928.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Members are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central, on MONDAY, 13th February, at Six o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS.

General.
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretary.

NOTICE.

RACE MEETING.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th February, 1928, all Departments will be CLOSED at 1 p.m.

On these days,
The Hongkong Dispensary will be opened for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1928.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that during the absence on leave of Mr. A. W. van Andel,
Mr. F. H. J. A. Lafleur
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RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open for the Transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th, 14th and 15th instant, and close at 12 noon.

Hongkong, 8th Feb. 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 25th February 1928 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 20th February, 1928.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 25th February, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 13th February to Saturday the 25th February, 1928 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 6th Feb. 1928.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 4A, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th February, to TUESDAY, 28th February, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order
of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928

13th, 14th, 15th & 18th February.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, 11th February, 1928 at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days of racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day.

Admission by ticket only.
Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th February, 1928, at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 11th February to SATURDAY 18th February, 1928, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1928.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 27th day of February, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the company will be closed from MONDAY, 13th to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 4th February, 1928.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEAD-QUARTERS on THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

ENTRIES WILL CLOSE at 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY.

Schedules may be obtained on application from the Secretaries, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 7th Feb. 1928.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the payment to the Directors of the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 as an annual bonus in addition to the yearly sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 98 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 28th January, 1927: "That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum."

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be closed from Monday, the 6th February, 1928 to Thursday, the 16th February, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1928.

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4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

Sir R. Leicester Harmsworth and Mr. Harold C. Harmsworth have purchased the historic portrait, by Federico Zuccaro, of Admiral Sir John Hawkins, the Elizabethan sea captain, which will be presented to the town of Plymouth.



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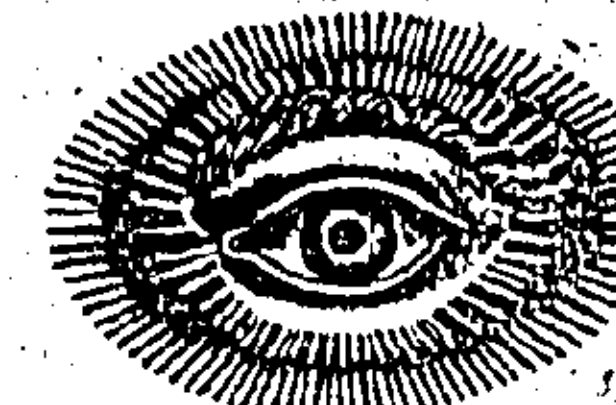
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INDIAN FINANCE.

RESERVE BANK BILL NOW ABANDONED.

New Delhi, Feb. 9. The Government have decided to drop the Reserve Bank Bill altogether. The decision for the present ends the hopes of transferring the control of Indian finance from England to India, to which end Sir Basil Blackett worked very hard. The action of the opposition in wrecking the Bill is largely attributed to the excitement caused by the arrival of the Simon Commission. It is understood that Sir Basil Blackett has declined the request of several Indian members of the Council to introduce a new Bill. Sir Basil Blackett is leaving India shortly on a visit to China and Japan.—*Reuter.*

Sir Arthur Yapp, national secretary of the Y.M.C.A., acknowledges the receipt of eight \$10 notes "conscience money" from an anonymous source.

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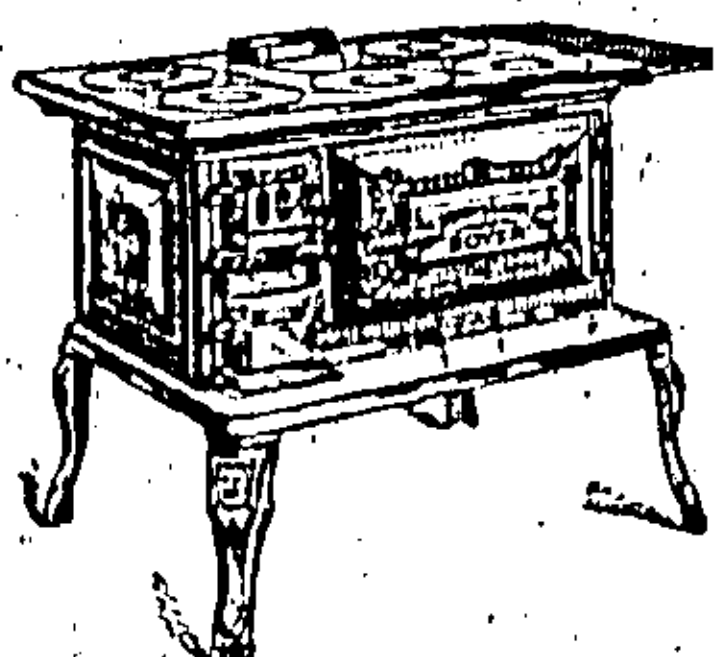
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21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from
the Hongkong Telegraph for the
week ended February 9th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on de-
mand was 2s. 2½d.

The Hongkong A.D.C. an-
nounced its intention of producing
the farcical comedy, "Facing the
Music."

Mr. A. E. Wright, F.S.I., gave a
series of lectures on sanitary
building construction.

The profits of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corpora-
tion for the half-year totalled
\$1,712,472. The Directors re-
commended a dividend of £1 15s.
and a bonus of £1 per share, as
well as the increasing of the
capital from \$10,000,000 to \$15-
000,000.

The Hongkong, Canton and
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., re-
commended a dividend of £1 per
share. Heavy losses were suffer-
ed in the 1906 typhoon by the
stranding of five of the Company's
steamers.

The Duke and Duchess of Con-
naught arrived on a visit to the
Colony, accompanied by Princess
Patricia. They were given a
wonderful reception by all sec-
tions of the community. The
Duke unveiled the statues of
King Edward and the Prince of
Wales (now H. M. King George).
The Royal party later visited
Canton on a night-seeing tour.

COMPANY REPORT.

**BANK OF EAST ASIA,
LIMITED.**

The report of the Directors of the
Bank of East Asia, Ltd., to be pre-
sented to the ninth ordinary yearly
meeting of the Company to be held
on Saturday, February 18, has just
been circulated to shareholders. The
report states:

The Profit for the year, including
\$298,782.34 brought forward from
last year and after paying all ex-
penses and charges and providing for
all bad and doubtful debts and other
contingencies, amounts to \$723,322.54,
which the Directors propose to deal
with as follows:

To pay a Dividend of
\$6.00 per share on
50,000 shares absorbing \$300,000.00
To pay a bonus to Direc-
tors, Holders of Founder
share and the staff 18,080.95
To carry forward 404,641.59
\$723,322.54

Auditors.

The Accounts have been audited by
Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth, and
Fleming, who retire, but being eligible,
offer themselves for re-election.

MR. AMERY'S RETURN.

**DINNER TO BE GIVEN IN
HONOUR.**

London, Feb. 9.
The Secretary of State for the
Dominions, Mr. L. S. Amery, will
return to his Parliamentary duties
this week, and arrangements have
been made for the dinner of the
Empire Parliamentary Association to
be held in his honour on
Wednesday night at the House of
Commons.

The object of the dinner is to give
Mr. Amery a non-party Parliamen-
tary welcome home on the com-
pletion of his official tour of all the
Dominions which has been under-
taken by the Secretary of State
during his term of office. The
Speaker of the House of Commons
will preside, and the principal toast
will be proposed by Mr. J. H.
Thomas, Colonial Secretary in
the Labour Government.—*British
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FOR OUR LADY READERS.

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in most colours, it is an acquisition
that every housewife would ap-
preciate.

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Pale coral pink crepe de Chine
sheets with a deep hand-stitched
hem are the height of luxury. The
new coloured bed linen, sheets and
pillow cases to match, is just as
effective and novel, and, moreover,
suits the modern bed with its de-
corative tufted or artificial silk
coverlet adorned with applique or
hand embroideries. As a rule,
this type of bed linen is absolutely
plain, finished with a deep hem-
stitched hem at the top end of the
sheet.

Rose Bordered Towels.

Bath and face towels take on a
new interest when they are border-
ed with a design of roses in natural
colouring. This may be woven in
the fabric, or in the case of fine
huckaback linen towels hand em-
broidered in a variety of designs.
These new towels are most attrac-
tive in design and cannot be likened
to the flaming colouring and design
of the usual beach towel, since the
colours are all specially chosen to
tone with the colour scheme of cer-
tain rooms.

To Match Glassware.

Our dining tables are more
gaily coloured than ever. The
general trend is to match the
coloured glassware or flower de-
corations in choosing our luncheon
and dinner mat sets, in which the
colours are usually introduced by hand
embroideries. Italian designs which
have had, and are having, such a
distinct vogue in this connexion are
now being copied perfectly by Bri-
tish women embroiderers. The
work is done on hand-woven linen,
and such sets, which are by no
means so expensive as some people
think, are worthy to be looked on
as heirlooms of the linen chest.

Short Skirts.

MEAN IDLE LOOMS.

Short skirts for women and
turned-up trousers for men, each
had their effect on trade, declared
Sir Edwin Stockton, M. P., at a
joint meeting of the Textile In-
stitute and Bradford Textile Society
at Bradford last month.

Less material in dresses, he con-
tinued, added to unemployment
worries; the turning-up of trousers
at the bottom gave the hosiery
manufacturers a first-class op-
portunity, because it created a de-
mand for the fancy sock.

The shortening of skirts had un-
doubtedly resulted in many idle
looms in the Bradford and other
Manufacturing districts, but, on the
other hand, that fashion had cre-
ated a considerable amount of em-
ployment in the hosiery trade.

There was no doubt that fashion
was influenced by individual taste,
continued Sir Edwin.

"Queen Alexandra, for instance,
set an example in many aspects of
dress to the so-called leaders of
Society. Queen Mary's taste for
mauve is very well known, but prob-
ably if her Majesty changed over
in her preferences there are many
who would at once copy her,
whether the fashion were suitable
or not."

Diamond Arrows.

POPULAR DECORATION FOR
EVENING WEAR.

Diamond arrows, having ceased
to be popular as hat trimmings,
are now being used to decorate
evening dresses. A very striking
frock of black georgette seen re-
cently was trimmed with a number
of arrows of various sizes made
from diamante. The arrows were
mostly perpendicular and appeared
at the back and front of the frock.

Diamante arrows make a quite
distinctive dress decoration and
form a complete change from the
stereotyped arrangement of this
trimming. These arrows range

Pearl Ropes.

NEW MODE TO MATCH
VULTURE FANS.

Pearls as big as pigeons' eggs
hanging in ropes right to the hem
of her frock and fans made of
vultures' feathers are the latest
barbaric notions of the elegant
woman.

To be in the fashion, "choker
collars" or any other kind of
necklaces must be laid aside in
favour of a six foot string of
gigantic beads.

Sometimes the new string is
made in imitation of black or milky
pearls but considerably larger than
any real pearls. Pink and pale
green pearls are worn, but newest
and most barbaric of all are big

Six-yard Bridal Train.



Pictured is Mrs. William R. Yaw, the former Madeleine
Couzens, daughter of Senator James Couzens of Detroit, just
after her wedding. The ceremony took place in the Bloom-
field Hills (Detroit) home of the bride's parents and only the
immediate families witnessed the marriage. The bridal
gown carried a train six yards long, over which fell another
train of tulle, caught to the lace cap.

From the smallest to quite large
sizes and may appear singly or in
imitations, according to the par-
ticular fancy of the wearer of the
dress.

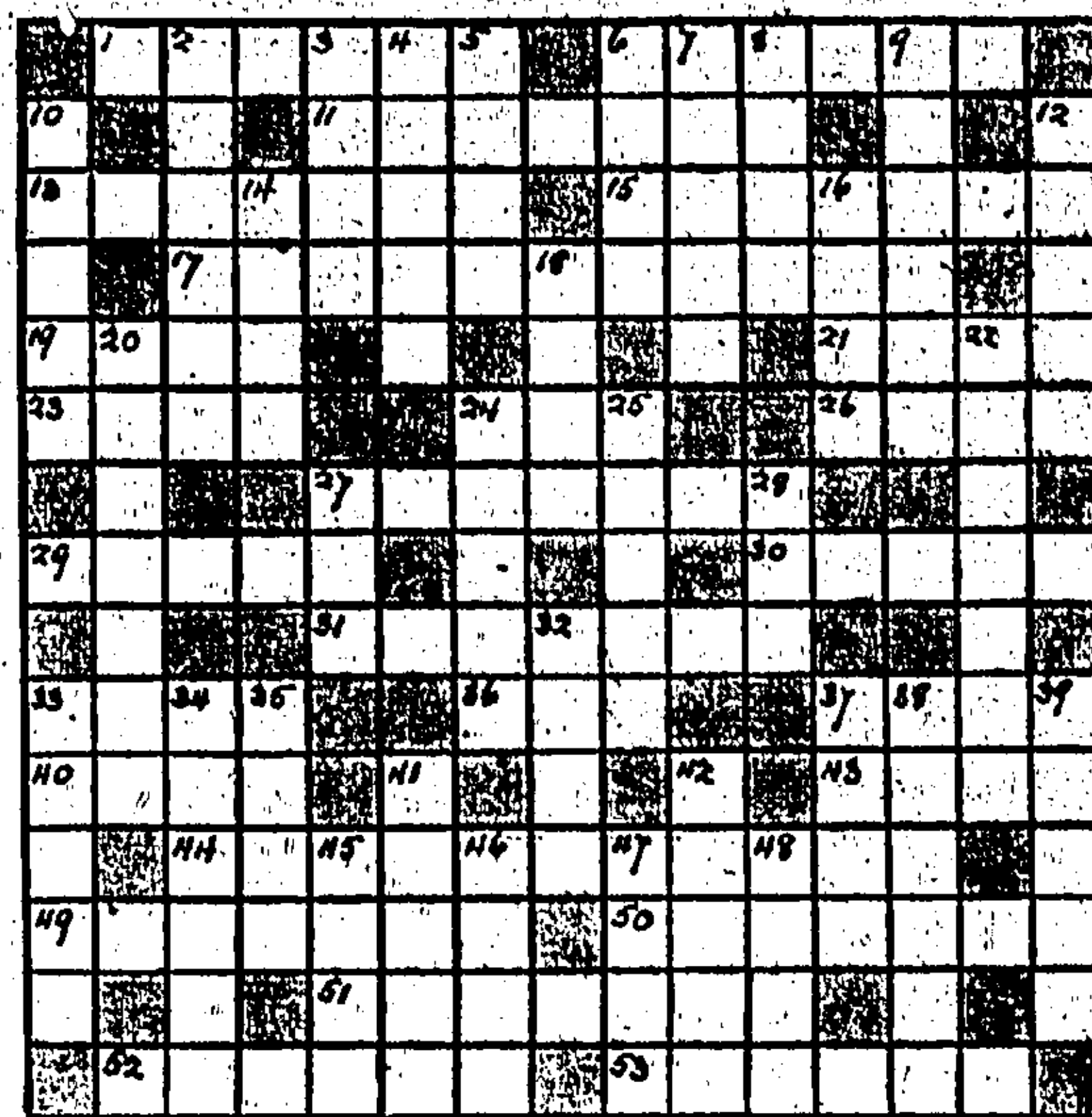
A plain black velvet evening
frock was distinguished by a very
large arrow of diamante across the
front of the skirt pointing
diagonally from waist to hem.

On the other side of the scale
was a filmy, little black minon
dance dress, a mass of frills, all
ornamented with innumerable
little sparkling arrows.

old beads made to imitate pearls.
For the most part these golden
pearls are smooth, plain and highly
polished, although a few of these
new necklaces have the gold or
silver bead ornamented with all
sorts of fantastic designs.

At the same dress show there
were a number of the new vulture
feather fans to go with dance
frocks trimmed with the same
feathers. It seems that the savage
bird of prey has quite put the
ostrich in the shade, as far as the
world of fashion is concerned.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

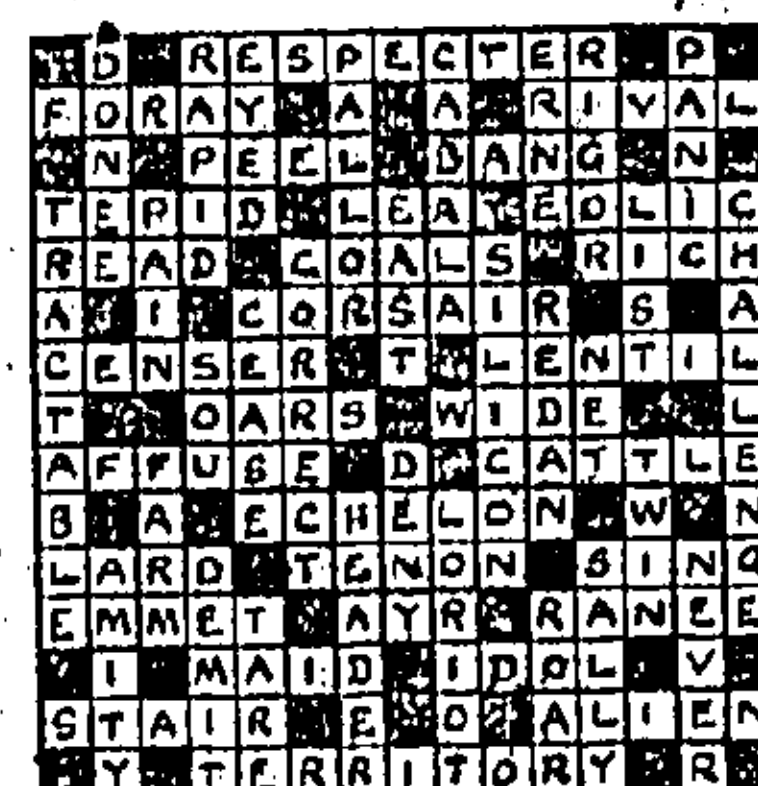
- 1 Species of lavender.
- 6 Council tables.
- 11 Makers of money.
- 13 Dealers in cloth.
- 15 Riddles.
- 17 Walkers.
- 19 Chums.
- 21 Percolate.
- 23 Allowance for waste.
- 24 Street carriage.
- 26 Units.
- 27 Joining part.
- 29 Face-guard.
- 30 Corner.
- 31 Wholly.
- 33 Young bullock.
- 36 Before.
- 37 Potato (slang).
- 40 Greek goddess of youth.
- 43 Attitude.
- 44 Pertaining to a sacrament.
- 46 Chief.
- 50 Ex-Russian Empress.
- 51 Drum.
- 52 Star-like flowers.
- 53 Required.

Down.

- 2 Chief constituent.
- 3 Covered with icing-sugar.
- 4 Centres.
- 5 Touch gently.
- 6 Alcoholic drink.
- 7 The birds of a region.
- 8 Continent.
- 9 Small black plum.
- 10 Take to one's self.
- 12 Beasts of burden.
- 14 Plague.

- 16 Ruminant quadruped.
- 18 Tight.
- 20 One skilled in an art.
- 22 Forwent.
- 24 Detached hill.
- 26 Musty.
- 27 Skill.
- 28 Prostrate.
- 32 Waken-robin.
- 33 Make.
- 34 Vex.
- 35 Brood.
- 37 Pole.
- 38 Law enforcers.
- 39 Linger.
- 41 Dismal.
- 42 Succeed.
- 45 Quote.
- 46 Weapons.
- 47 Famous college.
- 48 Veitch.

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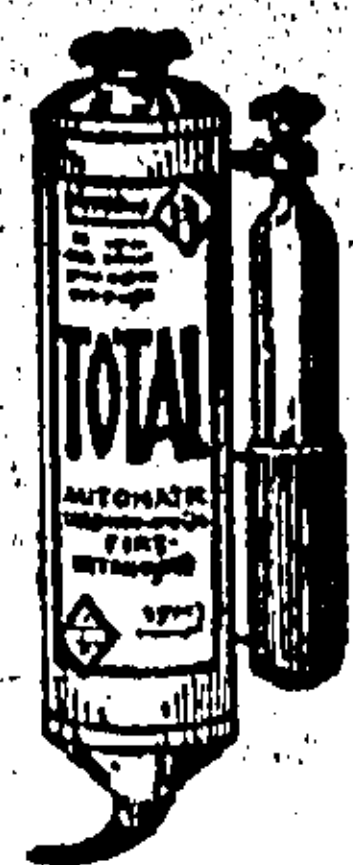
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THE TARIFF QUESTION.

Further important declarations in regard to British policy in China were revealed by yesterday's wireless and cable reports of Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons. Of the various questions touched upon, the most interesting was the matter of Customs autonomy, concerning which the Foreign Secretary was able to show that, on this matter, as on others, Britain's policy is one of goodwill and conciliation. Indeed, we have backed up our words by definite action, inasmuch as we have not set our face against the imposition of the Washington surtaxes but have acquiesced in their collection. In point of fact, these taxes are now being paid by British subjects all over China, although, strictly speaking, there is no legal authority for their enforcement.

The British standpoint in regard to the Washington surtaxes has not altogether pleased some of the Powers, notably Japan, which has constantly protested against their imposition. No other nation has followed Britain's lead in this matter, but the majority have tacitly accepted the enforcement of the taxes without troubling to present formal protests. It can be said of the British attitude that it is definite and that it represents a liberality of outlook, even to the extent of condoning what is, technically, a breach of Treaty rights. But on this point the British have taken the stand that the enforcement of these surtaxes is long overdue and that China should not be debarred from levying the imposts, merely because the attempts to reach agreement on her tariffs have failed. In brief, the view of the British Government is that in instances where Treaties are ignored, protests should be reserved for cases where there are attempts at wholesale repudiation of obligations or attacks are made upon the legitimate and vital interests of foreigners in China. When we come to the illegal levies which are being imposed in all parts of the country, and which are greatly handicapping trade, there can, according to Sir Austen Chamberlain, be no acquiescence therein. It is, however, pertinent to observe that British and other protests under this heading have not proved by any means effectual, and this is a fact that somewhat

weakens our attempts to safeguard the rights of those of our subjects who are engaged on legitimate trading operations in the country.

Equally when we come to the question of compensation for the Nanking outrages we find that protests have been of no avail, and it must certainly be placed to the credit of British patience and tolerance that no action has been taken in this connexion or even to secure re-possession of the Consulate, still occupied by Chinese troops. The "Die-Hards" will point to this, and also to the unsatisfactory position which has arisen in Hankow since the surrender of our rights there, as proof of the futility of British policy. But the point to be kept constantly in mind is that we are showing by our actions that our professions of friendship are not mere empty words. That, in the long run, whatever may be the unfortunate consequences at the moment—must make an impression on the Chinese. We believe, with Sir Austen Chamberlain, that it has already doing so, and we can only hope that our conciliatory attitude will in due course be universally appraised at its true value.

Britain And U.S.A.

Simultaneously with the publication of the text of the Arbitration Pact between France and the United States, Sir Austen Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons that negotiations are pending in connexion with a treaty identical with that accepted by the French Government. No doubt the French signature will have an influence in Whitehall, as Britain must be equally ready to affirm its determination of war, but we do not see that a series of agreements bearing in some respects, a double interpretation will necessarily assist materially in the cause of peace. On both sides of the Atlantic the war between Britain and the United States is regarded as unthinkable, and Sir Austen Chamberlain goes beyond this in saying that even consideration of the war is totally outside our national policy. The exact effect of the reservations is just one of the important questions which the British Government is considering. The American insistence upon the constitutional right of the Senate to be consulted upon every point in dispute, which enables the Body, if it so chooses, to declare war and to entirely ignore the pact, leaves scanty force to the treaty. After all, no country is callous enough to admit that war forms part of its national policy, and the opposite of that seems to be as far as the Pact goes. Again, should any question arise as to the difference between an aggressive and a non-aggressive war, what nation since Attila has formally admitted waging a war of aggression? There is much more satisfaction to be derived from Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement on British naval policy, than from a platitudinous treaty. He urges that Britain has never adopted a competitive attitude, and declares that it never will. We build according to our needs, and Sir Austen implies that the United States is therefore entitled to apply precisely the same principle. The feeling of goodwill and amity between the United States and Great Britain is paradoxically demonstrated by the co-operation urged with regard to Commander. Burney's airship scheme, and the combination of British and American bankers in an international effort towards the stabilisation of European currencies, and bettering devastated Europe. In every sphere where British and American enterprises meet, the nationals of the two countries go hand in hand. If America needs the new arbitration pact in its present form, by all means should it be ratified. At the same time, we have quite sufficient confidence in the Byrnes-Spring Rice Treaty which savours of the oft-repeated instruction to children to count ten before losing their temper.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

FEATURES OF TO-MORROW'S "TELEGRAPH."

Several pictures of local interest will appear in to-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph*, covering various events of the past week.

These will include photographs taken at the opening of the Club de Recreio's new clubhouse, one group showing the official party with His Excellency the Governor; groups taken at the wedding of Mr. T. W. Doyle and Miss Alice Brennan, and of Mr. Francis Lee and Miss Mary Pau; and some of the titled tourists now in the Colony on their way round the world by the Empress of Australia.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE ALWAYS SOWING OUR FUTURE; WE ARE ALWAYS REAPING OUR PAST.—Dean Inge.

It is understood that the s.s. Chuen Chow has been disposed of to another river boat company for the sum of \$80,000.

Sir Frederick Lugard, former Governor of Hongkong, on whom a Barony has been conferred, will take the title of Lord Lugard.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. H. H. Wilhelm Luer, merchant, 6, Pelix Villas, to Miss G. E. Harms, bound for Hongkong on board the s.s. Emil Kirdor.

The police authorities have received a report from Captain M. Maxwell, R.N., that a first-class stoker, named Peter Cobb, is missing. No other particulars are available from the report.

Among passengers arriving by s.s. Empress of Australia was Mrs. G. W. Steele, wife of Captain Steele of the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Steele will return to Manila by the Dollar Line s.s. President Jackson, to join her husband.

Three Chinese who are stated in a police report to have "fallen from height," while working in the China Sugar Refinery at East Point, have been admitted into the Government Civil Hospital as a result of their injuries.

A young Chinese was removed to the Government Civil Hospital from No. 78, Tai Shek Street, Shaokwan, yesterday, suffering from injuries to his left hand, which had been caught in machinery used for grinding maize.

With three incised wounds which are said to have been inflicted by another man with a pointed piece of firewood, a Chinese was taken to the Kowloon Hospital from Bulkeley Street, Hunghom, yesterday. The assailant has not been arrested.

Owing to repeated complaints from Ipoh business folk as to the disturbing influence of half holidays on every race day and the increasing number of such days, it is understood that the banks have decided to have business as usual on race days after the present meeting.

An accident in one of Ipoh's streets in which a hire car knocked down Mr. A. N. Kenion's racehorse, Queen of Clubs, had a sequel, when the driver of the hire car was charged in the Police Court with rash driving and was fined \$200. Queen of Clubs had a leg broken in the accident and had to be destroyed.

About 400 yards of telephone wire, which were left on the hillside above Quarry Bay, were stolen during Wednesday night or the early hours of yesterday morning. The wire belonged to the Public Works Department, the sub-telegraph officer of which, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs, has made a report of the theft to the police.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 14 arrivals and 20 departures, British contributing five and nine under the respective headings. Tonnage was heavy, with the entry of the Belgenland, but freights were poor, there being only three registries of four figures under both headings. British carried two of the best four high freights, with Japanese and Italian next best. With eight nationalities in the return, there remained 76 vessels in harbour at 9 o'clock this morning, of which 28 were British.

BANVARD COMPANY.

ANOTHER SUCCESS LAST NIGHT.

Yet another success was registered by the Banvard Musical Comedy Company at the Theatre Royal last night, when a repeat performance was given of "Katja, the Dancer." As on the opening night, this play was extremely well produced and there was not a dull moment from start to finish. Catchy music, humour and clever dancing combined to make a really bright and cheery show.

To-night, there will be another change of programme, for the big London success, "Mercenary Mary," is to be staged. Incidentally, it is interesting to note that Mr. Stapan Thomson, who is well-known in local A.D.C. circles, is to figure in the cast. This play will be repeated on Saturday.

On Monday, the "Black Bottom" revue is to be put on, and this is described as one of the Company's very best pieces. It is a real revue, and one of its most sparkling and clever features is the Totem Pole Dance, from "Rose Marie." This should be seen by all who appreciate really clever dancing. Booking is at Moutrie's.

MORE FOOL THAN KNAVE.

CHINESE STEWARD ON CRUISER FINED.

Mr. E. W. Niblett, chief gunner, of H.M.S. Starling, prosecuted a Shantung wine steward, of the same ship, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of larceny of four tins of "Goldflake" cigarettes, two rolls of brown paper and an entry book. A further charge of being in unlawful possession of 17 shot gun cartridges was also preferred against the defendant, who was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada.

Mr. d'Almada said that, on his advice, the defendant threw himself on the mercy of the Court. He (Mr. d'Almada) had had a talk with the officer from the ship and the latter agreed that the defendant was more a fool than a knave. He was the wine steward on board the Starling and because he was such a fool he was told to resign.

Before leaving the ship, on Wednesday last, defendant submitted his basket to be searched and among his belongings were found the articles mentioned in the two charges. Although he was not charged with larceny of the cartridges, the defendant had admitted quite frankly to his solicitor that he had taken them from the deck, where they were being dried.

"I understand that the prosecution does not desire to be vindictive," said Mr. d'Almada in asking for leniency. The defendant, he said, had no intentions of smuggling the things, as he quite frankly submitted his basket to be searched.

His Worship remarked that he thought a fine of \$5 on the first charge and \$25 on the second would meet the case.

SINGAPORE BASE CONTRACT.

BRITISH FIRMS ASKED TO TENDER.

London, Feb. 9. The *Evening News* states that the Government has invited several well-known British firms to tender by the end of March for work connected with the Singapore Base, approximately costing £4,000,000.

The work consists of extensive reclamation schemes, and the construction of a wet and a dry dock. The work will be spread over seven years, primarily in order to reduce the annual charge, the latter of which is partly borne by the Dominions.

The charge falling on the Imperial Exchequer is not expected to exceed £300,000 annually. The armaments and workshops will form a separate contract which will not be arranged until the present work is well in hand.—*Reuter.*

LAKE TSANA DAM CONSTRUCTION.

BRITISH FEELING REGARDING AMERICAN CAPITAL.

London, Feb. 9. Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, regarding the construction of a dam and reservoir at Lake Tsana, by American capital, Mr. G. Locker Lampson recalled that the Foreign Secretary had stated in November last that no issue had arisen between the British and the United States Governments on this subject.

Mr. Locker Lampson added:—"I do not conceive it possible that it should give rise to any difference of opinion. There has, therefore, been no occasion for any exchange of views between the two governments. The object of the British Government is to get the barrage constructed and worked on sound engineering lines, and on conditions satisfactory alike to the government of Abyssinia and the governments of Sudan and Egypt, our primary interest being to secure additional water for the Sudan.—*British Wireless.*"

NURSE CAVELL WAR FILM.

BRITISH REPLY TO GERMAN PROTEST.

London, Feb. 9. The German Embassy in London has informally and verbally conveyed representations to the Foreign Office with regard to the Nurse Cavell film.

The Foreign Office replied that there was no political censorship of films in Great Britain, that films were censorable only on moral grounds by the Films Censorship Board, and any official formal protest lodged with the Foreign Office would be forwarded to the Home Office.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

First Aberdeenian—That kind of a man is Sandy McWhuskey! Second Do—Och, a think his "forebears" must have kept emels. I was wif him three days afore he offered me a drink.

We've stamped our feet and rubbed our hands.

And wished tho, thaw would come.

Cleared snow in shoals and heaped on coals.

With fingers raw and numb. We've spluttered, coughed and wheezed and groaned.

Had mustard baths and gruel. But a few years hence, with pride intense,

We shall speak of "that ideal Yule."

When Marion Dixon, daughter of a director of the Grand Trunk Railway (U.S.A.), smashed a bottle of milk on the hull of a newly-launched ferry, for service in the Great Lakes, early last year, she also smashed custom of many years' standing. It has always been the practise to christen newly built ships with champagne, but in this case, the desire was to pay tribute to Wisconsin's largest source of wealth—the dairy cow. There is some doubt as to whether this practise will meet favour with the members of the Ancient Order of Froth Blowers.

A policeman stated at Barnstable Police Court that when he spoke to the Earl of Craven about having no lights on his motor-car, which had been left in the road near a village inn, the Earl said, "You're not going to haul me up for this. Come inside and have a quick one."

The policeman said that he refused the invitation.

The Bench considered that the alleged attempt to "square" the constable was serious, and fined the Earl of Craven £3.

The following question appeared in a general knowledge paper: "What is the yellow Press?" "China is very thickly populated, and the people are so crowded together that this is called the 'yellow press'."

The convict was busily making snags. Said a visitor—"What are you doing, my man—sawing?" "No, reaping."

Three hundred people dined and danced recently in jungle surroundings at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York. Live monkeys chattered and climbed on the palm-trees, and stuffed monkeys were perched on the branches.

The occasion was the coming-out party given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vance Storrs, for their second daughter, Anne.

Cocoanuts, pineapples, and other tropical fruits were suspended from the towering trees, whose trunks were covered with jungle moss.

The dinner was served at small tables, each having a thatched-roof effect, while the waiters were attired in monkey costumes.

Mrs. Storrs, while touring Europe last summer with her daughters, off the beaten paths, discovered an open-air jungle restaurant with palms and monkeys.

She conceived the idea of transplanting it to New York for her daughter's debut. She bought the entire jungle effects, and had them shipped to the Ritz-Carlton, New York, where she has made her home for many years.

The management used them, transforming the crystal room into an equatorial scene. A cabaret performance followed the dinner, after which there was dancing.

The essential thing about life is its quality, not quantity.—Dr. F. W. Norwood.

It is a curse and disgrace that this country has so many unemployed.—Mr. W. R. Morris.

Nineteen centuries have passed since the Prince of Peace came to dwell among men; yet we seem very far from peace.—The Bishop of Southwark.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 9.
Paris	124
New York	487 7/8
Brussels	34.99
Geneva	25.38
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Muen	12.02 1/2
Berlin	20.48
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslø	18.31 1/2
Vienna	34.59 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsingfors	198 1/2
Madrid	22.68
Lisbon	25 1/2
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	70 1/2
Rio	5.59 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	175 1/2
Shanghai	27 1/2
Hongkong	27 1/2
Yokohama	115 1/2
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—*British Wireless.*

CANTON UPBRAIDS NANKING.**COMMUNIST INFLUENCE AT RECENT CONFERENCE.****"RED" RULE CITED.**

The result of the fourth plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive and Supervisory Committee, which took place in Nanking a few days ago, was received by the Canton Government with much dissatisfaction, according to Chinese reports.

There was a big joint conference of the Kuomintang provincial branch associations in Canton on Tuesday night for a discussion of circular telegrams to all the Kuomintang members and all newspapers in China denouncing the Conference at Nanking and repudiating all the resolutions passed thereat, on the ground that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Chief in the Conference, consented to admit members of the Kuomintang Left Wing, some of whom have been branded as Communists, into the Conference. Shortly before the opening of the Conference, some prominent members of the Canton Kuomintang Association telegraphed to Nanking demanding that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek should not allow members of the Left Wing, including Messrs. Chan Shu-yun, Kam Nai-kwong and Kuo Man-yu, and Mrs. Liao Chung-kai, to attend.

Among those who were present at the meeting in Canton on Tuesday were Mr. Ma Chiu-chun, the Canton Labour Commissioner; General Wu Te-chen, the acting Commissioner of Reconstruction, and several others. General Wu Te-chen was Chairman of the meeting and after long discussion it was decided to forward circular telegrams in the terms mentioned above.

In denouncing the members of the Left Wing, one of the main points in the telegram was that men like Wang Ching-wei and his followers were Communists and that they had brought devastation to the provinces which they formerly ruled.

The telegram cited the cases of Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsu and Kwangtung, in which much damage had been done through the "Leftists" associating themselves with Communists. The recent incendiarism and massacres in Hoifung and Lukfung, on the East River, and in Canton city during the December Communist coup, were also mentioned as works of the "Leftists" and as showing their Communistic tendencies.

THEFT FROM TWO WOMEN.**ACCUSED SAYS DETECTIVE ROBBED HIM.**

Charges of larceny of several articles of clothing and jewellery from two women, of Temple Street, and a further count of unlawfully returning from banishment, were brought against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

It was stated that the defendant visited the complainants' houses on different dates and whilst they had left the room, he disappeared with articles of clothing and jewellery. He was seen by one of the girls alighting from a bus and was arrested by a Chinese detective, to whom a report was made.

The defendant was sentenced to ten months' hard labour in all and further ordered to receive 15 strokes of the birch on the second count.

Before leaving the dock, the defendant accused the Chinese detective of having taken \$42 from him.

The case was then adjourned till Tuesday for further investigations.

MORE SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.**HOUSEBOY WITH COPY OF "RED FLAG."**

A Chinese houseboy employed at No. 21, Wing Sing Street, was charged, before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, with being in possession of seditious literature.

It was stated that amongst the six or seven documents seized were copies of the Red Flag, a Chinese Communist publication. Inspector Lane said the papers had been forwarded to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for translation, a process which would occupy several days. He applied for a formal remand.

Defendant was remanded until Wednesday, at 10 a.m.

HOTEL COMPANY'S CLAIM.**DISPUTED BY EUROPEAN DEFENDANT.**

During the hearing of the usual Friday list of cases for the purpose of fixing dates, in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, an action was mentioned in which the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., of Exchange Building, sued Mr. J. T. Dobbie, c/o the Hongkong Herald Publishing Company, of 5 Wyndham Street, for the sum of \$123.35. The money was claimed as being due under a letter dated Dec. 2nd, 1927, said to have been given by the defendant to the plaintiffs.

In the statement of claim the letter was given as follows:

Dear Sirs,
Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd.
vs.
L. E. Haynes.

In consideration of your withdrawing the warrant of execution against Mr. L. E. Haynes in respect of the above action, I hereby agree to pay you within one month of date the sum of \$123.35.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) Jas. T. Dobbie.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the plaintiffs, whilst Mr. Dobbie was present in Court, together with Mr. L. E. Haynes.

In answer to his Lordship, Mr. Dobbie, who was not represented by a solicitor, said that he wished to dispute the claim.

The case was fixed for hearing on March 6th, at 11.30 a.m.

THE DUMPING OF REFUSE.**HOW PRAYA IS MADE INSANITARY.**

All the Praya East is in an insanitary condition owing to dumping by scavenging coolies, stated Mr. R. A. D. Forrest in appearing this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell to prosecute for the Sanitary Department in a case in which a scavenger coolie was charged with this offence.

Defendant said he was taking the refuse to the contractor's boat when he was arrested.

Mr. Forrest said that in any case defendant should have the refuse in the boat before six o'clock in the morning, as the carrying of refuse of this nature was not permitted outside that hour. Seeing that the locality was one not in the regular beats of a policeman, it had been extremely difficult to bring the offenders to book.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10, at the same time issuing a warning to other folk against the offence.

ALLEGED THEFT OF SILK.**SIX CHINESE APPEAR IN COURT.**

Six Chinese, two of whom were defended by Mr. M. K. Lo, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning in connection with charges relating to the theft of several rolls of silk from No. 86, Jervois Street.

Detective Sergeant Baker, prosecuting, indicated that some of the men were charged with stealing, and others with receiving, and informed his Worship that in all probability there would be other charges to come before the Court. He asked his Worship to grant a remand of three days in police custody.

His Worship made the necessary remand, and, on the application of Mr. Lo, allowed the latter's clients bail of \$500 each on the expiration of the three days in custody, when, it is understood, a further remand will be asked for.

MIDNIGHT ARMED ROBBERY.**ROUGH TREATMENT OF A HAWKER.**

Further particulars to the preliminary report received of the robbery in a hawker's matchbox in Kau Wai village, Aberdeen, show that shortly before midnight, on Wednesday, three men armed with stiletts rushed into the hut.

Pepper was thrown into the eyes of the hawker when he endeavoured to get up from his bed, and in this helpless condition he was rolled up in a blanket and dumped in a corner of the hut.

In escaping, the robbers took with them money and personal effects, amounting to over \$50 in value.

U.S. ARBITRATION TREATIES.**NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN AND BRITAIN.****BASIS OF DISCUSSION.**

Washington, Feb. 9. Definite steps in the negotiations concerning the arbitration treaties between the U.S. and Britain, and between America and Japan, have been taken by the State Department in forwarding to the British and Japanese Governments, copies of the originally proposed draft of the Franco-American Arbitration Pact.

The draft has been sent to form a basis for discussion, and copies have also been sent to other countries who have asked for them, including Germany, but in the latter cases the form is merely a matter of information.

The negotiations with Britain and Japan are regarded as of more importance at the present time, owing to the early expiry of the Root Treaties with these countries. —*Reuter's American Service.*

King's Reference Favourable.

Washington, Feb. 9. The reference in H. M. the King's speech to the proposed revision of the Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty is regarded by American officials as a favourable indication of the success of the negotiations which will begin immediately the present treaty expires in June. —*Reuter's American Service.*

CHILDREN'S MUSIC.**AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.**

The subject of the Musicale at the Helena May Institute last evening was "Music of Childhood" and nothing could have been better chosen than the various items which made up the programme. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, among whom was Lady Clementi. A feature of the gathering was the large number of children present, all of whom appeared thoroughly to enjoy the concert, which was as it should be, with so many nursery favourites offered to them.

The various artists were Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown at the piano, with extracts from "The Children's Corner," by Debussy; Miss Womack, with Bird Songs by Liza Lehmann; Mrs. Russell-Brown, rendering songs from the Child's Garden of Verses by R. L. Stevenson; Miss Acheson in recitations and Scenes of Childhood, to the music of Schumann and Mrs. Davenport-Brown in Teresa del Reigo's "Lines and Squares" and "Shadow March."

The outstanding items were those offered by Eng. L. Bedella, R. N., who chose as his medium extracts from Kipling's "Just So Stories," to the setting of Gorman. These called for sustained applause on the part of both grown-ups and children. It is seldom that the Institute has offered a more appreciated programme than this.

The next musicale will be held on February 23, when "Modern Music" will form the subject of the programme.

THE CZAR'S FATE.**BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

Paris, Jan. 14. M. Kerensky, in the course of an interview with a representative of the Central News Agency, said that Britain could have saved the Czar if she had wished.

"At the beginning of the revolution," said Mr. Kerensky, "it was impossible to do anything, but in the midsummer of 1918, when President of the Provisional Government, I requested the British Ambassador (the late Sir George Buchanan) to ask his Government to save the Czar. He telegraphed to London from where he received a clear and precise reply that it was impossible to do anything.

"England did not want to irritate the sentiments of the workers and it was impossible for us to send the Emperor abroad, so I prepared to send him to Tobolsk, where the population was peaceful. Sir George Buchanan was first approached in March when I offered to arrange for the Emperor's safety, but owing to the passions running high in Russia it was then impossible to do anything."

LORD NORTHESK AT SAINT MORITZ.

London, Feb. 9. A new record at Saint Moritz yesterday, when accomplished a full length run of 1,320 yards in a Bodelagh race in 58.5 seconds. During the day he did three runs in less than a minute each. —*British Wireless.*

COLONY'S WATER SUPPLY.**POSITION WORSE THAN LAST YEAR.**

Compared with conditions on the same date last year, there was a considerable shrinkage in the amount of water stored in the reservoirs of the Colony on February 1st. This fact is disclosed in the monthly report of the Water Authority, now published, which shows that the contents of Hongkong reservoirs were 275.67 million gallons less than twelve months ago, but at Kowloon there was an increase of 55.90 million gallons.

The total storage on the Hongkong side on February 1st was 1,227.84 million gallons, compared with 1,403.71 million gallons last year. Three of the six reservoirs showed decreases, the largest being in respect of Tytam Tuk, where this year's figure was 183.45 million gallons, against 195.90 million gallons a year ago.

On the Kowloon side, the main reservoir contained 231.19 million gallons, as against 217.24 a year ago, but the contents of Shek-lai-pui and the reception reservoir were below last year's figure.

The total consumption of water on the Hongkong side during the month was 239.69 million gallons, compared with 226.94 last year, the consumption per head per day increasing from 17.9 gallons to 18.4 gallons.

On the Kowloon side, the total consumption was 88.53 million gallons, as against 75.92 million gallons last year, the respective daily consumption per head being 17.4 and 15.4 gallons.

The total rainfall to the end of January was 1.88-inch compared with 0.31-inch in 1927.

It is notified that on and after the 17th instant, the supply of water to all wharves in Victoria will be turned off and will remain so while the present restrictions in the supply remain in force.

SECRET SOVIET MILLIONS.**TROTSKY'S REVELATION.**

Riga, Jan. 13. It is disclosed that M. Trotsky, at one of his meetings, made extraordinary revelations concerning the secret reserve funds of the Communist Party. He said that when General Deniken and Admiral Kolchak were nearing Moscow and the whole of Russia was ablaze with revolt, the Soviet department acting on the late M. Lenin's instructions, confiscated money, valuables and jewels, wholesale from which a secret fund of \$20,000,000 was formed, so that the leaders, in case of necessity, would be enabled to escape abroad and carry on the party's work.

Only M. Lenin and his intimates, such as Mm. Trotsky, Zinovieff and Kameneff were aware of this fund. The Bolsheviks survived and duly consolidated their position and the fund remained untouched during Lenin's lifetime.

The Secretary of the Communist Party (M. Stalin) raided the fund when the party became impoverished and created many secret and even commercial and semi-commercial organisations, by which Stalinities and their followers and friends were enabled to thrive and the system was bolstered up.

M. Trotsky urged the workers to demand a full account of the secret funds. His revelation is stated to have produced a stunning effect.

FEWER ELECTRIC SIGNS.**NO PICCADILLY-CIRCUS FOR PARIS.**

Paris, this year will be a city of less light. The Prefect of the Seine, alarmed lest the boulevards be turned into a new Broadway and the Place de l'Opera and the Place de la Concorde become like Piccadilly-circus, has decided upon drastic measures. Electric signs in the most frequented parts of Paris must in future only advertise goods sold within the building on which they are placed.

The Selfridge advertisement and news reel in the Place de l'Opera will therefore no longer inform the loiterers on the terrace of the Cafe de la Paix what is happening in the world, while many of the largest electric signs in Paris are eliminated.

THREE MILLION EXECUTIONS IN TEN YEARS.

According to information received in Paris from Moscow the Ceka during the last 10 years has been responsible for at least 3,000,000 executions. Founded by Lenin and Trotsky in 1917, the Ceka up to 1921 claimed 1,768,118 victims, and the toll of those known to have been slaughtered and of those whose disappearance could only be explained by death has steadily grown to the figures now quoted.

SIR JOHN TILLEY ARRIVES.**AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN VISITS THE GOVERNOR.****DIPLOMATIC CAREER.**

Passengers arriving from the north by s.s. Kamo Maru, this morning, included the Right Hon. Sir John Tilley, British Ambassador to Japan, accompanied by Lady Tilley and Miss Edith Tilley. The party are bound to Marseilles, and were met on arrival by Captain Steele, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor.

During their stay here they will be guests at Government House.

Sir John Tilley has been Ambassador to Japan since 1926, succeeding Sir Charles Elliot, former Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University. He was born in 1869, educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge (Classical Honours and M.A.) and entered the Foreign Office in 1893. Prior to coming to Japan, he was Ambassador to Brazil, and amongst the various posts which he has held during a career of much distinction are those of Secretary to the British Agent for Venezuela in the Arbitration in Paris, 1899; Secretary to the Committee on Consular Service, 1902; Secretary to the Imperial Defence Committee, 1903-04; First Secretary to the Embassy at Constantinople, 1906-08; British Plenipotentiary at the Brussels Arms Conference, 1909; delegate at the Conference respecting frontiers between Uganda, German East Africa and Congo; Plenipotentiary at the African Liquor Conference at Brussels, 1912; Chief Clerk at the Foreign Office, 1913; Assistant Secretary at the Foreign Office, 1919-20.

Lady Tilley is the eldest daughter of the late Sir William M. Cuninghame, V.C.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.**"TAMAR" MAN WINS THE PRIZE.**

In spite of the fact that there were three drawn matches and five away wins in the list given in last week's football competition, a large number of claims were received in respect of eight or more correct forecasts.

One competitor succeeded in forecasting 11 out of the 12 matches, his only error on the winning coupon being in respect of Fulham's victory over the Wolves. The winner is:

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and if he will kindly call at this office we shall be pleased to hand him the prize of \$25.

There were five claimants for the prize in respect of ten correct, and many claimants in respect of nine and eight.

COOLIDGE INVITED TO CANADA.

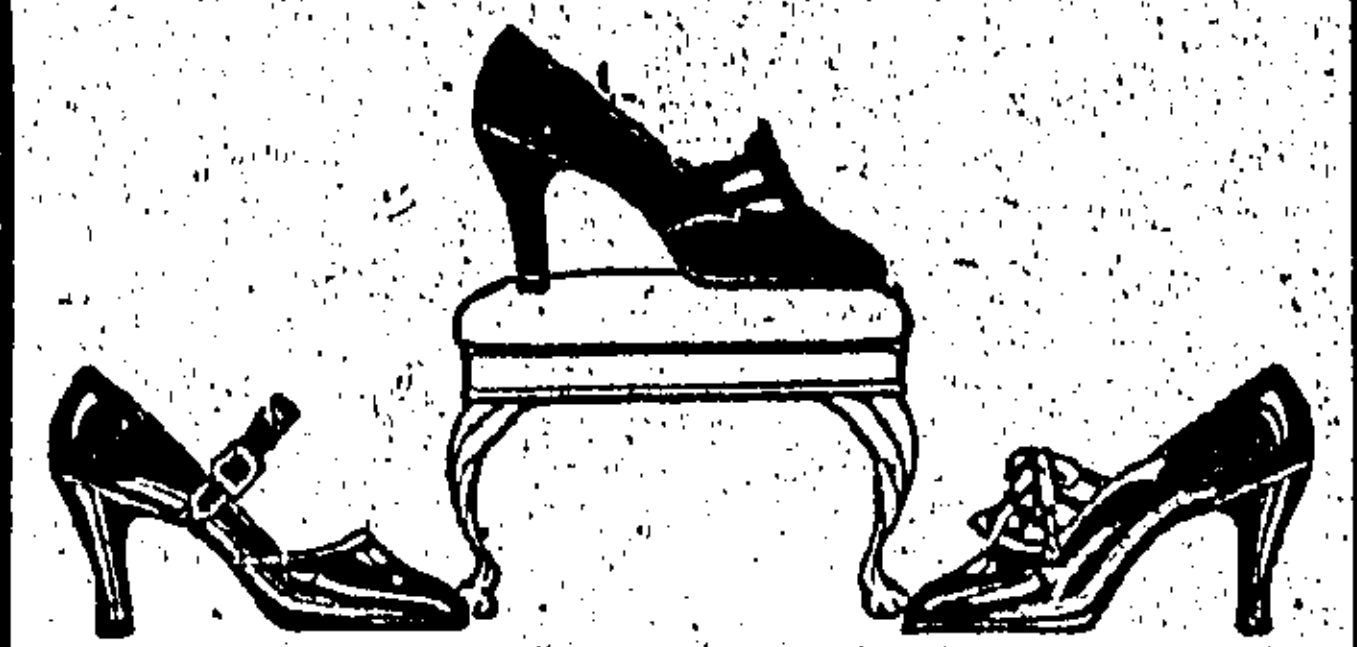
Ottawa, Feb. 9. Mr. Kellogg, the U.S. Secretary of State, has departed for Washington, conveying from the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, on behalf of Canada, an invitation to President Coolidge to visit the Canadian capital. —*Reuter's American Service.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1 What and where is Guent, and why is it so called?
- 2 What cosmic rays have recently been the subject of scientific investigation?
- 3 For what page of manuscript has an offer of £1,000 just been refused?
- 4 What world-famous landmark is shortly to be destroyed, and why?
- 5 What tragic secret in a king's life has just been brought to light?
- 6 Who are the Green Howards, and why were they so called?
- 7 What is the British festival of "Up-Helly-Aa," which was celebrated recently?
- 8 What is the accolade?
- 9 In what famous play is there a character who speaks 50,000 words?
- 10 What is the highest order of knighthood in the United Kingdom?
- 11 What is the most exclusive of British orders in point of number of recipients?
- 12 Which has the larger population—Great London or Great New York?



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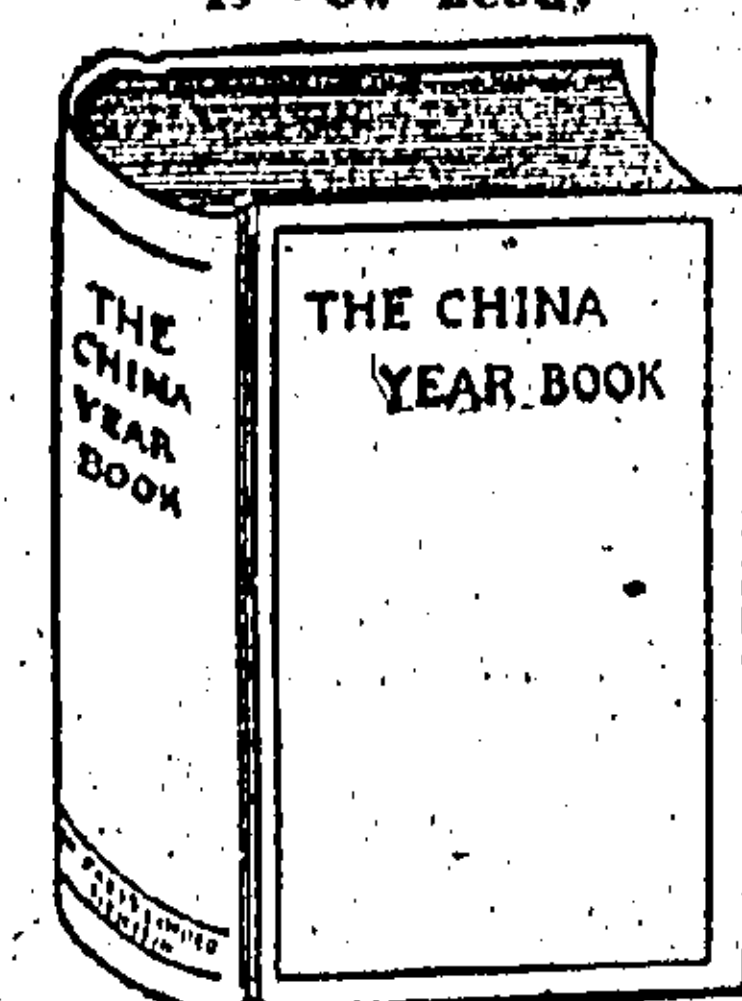
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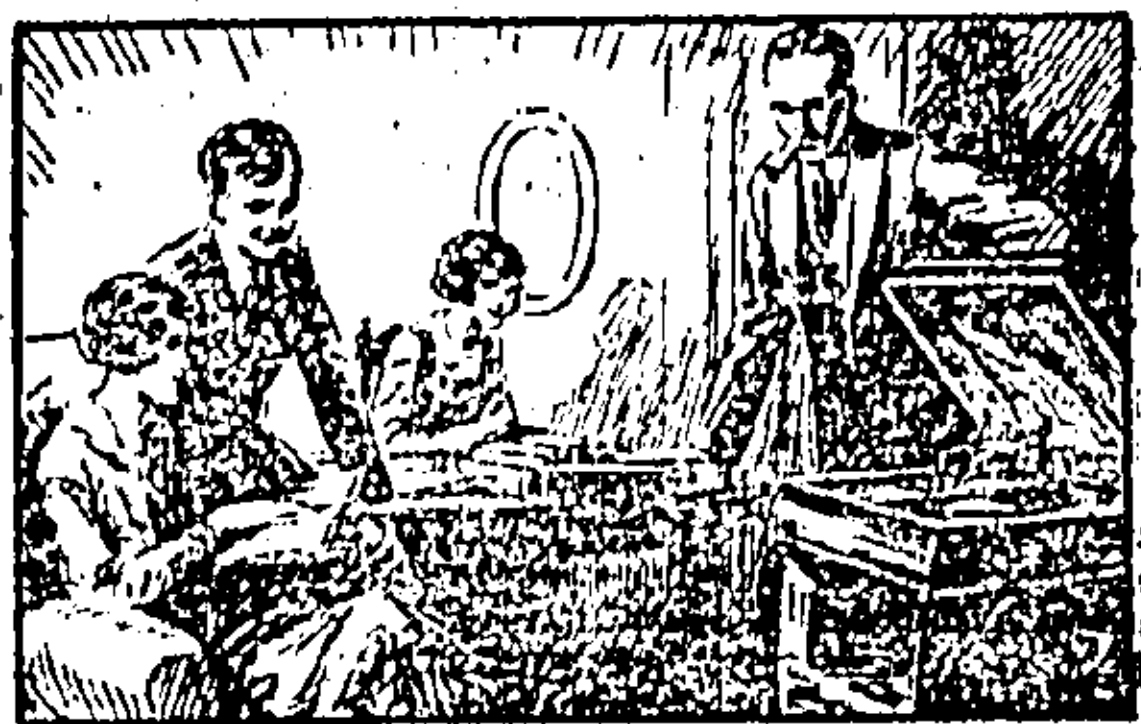
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QUEEN'SWEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY
February 15th to 18th.**THE WORLD OF SPORT****THE SHIELD TIES
BEGIN.****HOLDERS AGAINST THE
ATHLETIC.****DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND.**

[By "Wanderer"]

From the sedateness of league football, we turn this week to the excitement of the Shield ties, the first round of the Competition being played off to-morrow. Only six teams are interested in the Senior Shield, the remainder having drawn byes, but there is a real tit-bit match, in which the holders (the K.O.S.B.) are drawn against the Chinese Athletic, league leaders and undefeated locally this season.

The Junior Shield ties are four in number, while two Senior League and two Junior League matches are also scheduled.

The fixtures, together with grounds, times of kick-off and referees appointed, are appended:

SENIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

Chinese Ath. v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 4.15.
—Mr. Barber.
Recreio v. Police—Recreio, 4.15.
—Mr. Hyslop.
R.A. v. South China—Sookunpoo, 4.15.—Mr. Willis.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B.—Sookunpoo, 2.30.
—Mr. Smith.
Chinese Ath. v. S. China "B"—Club, 2.30.—Mr. Baldwin.
Scots Gds. v. St. Joseph's "B"—U.S.R.C., 2.30.—Mr. Cowan.
St. Joseph's "A" v. Club—St. Jos., 2.30.—Capt. Austin.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Senior Division.

Queen's v. R.A.F.—U.S.R.C., 4.15.—Mr. Hutchins.
Scots Gds. v. Club—Kowloon, 4.15.—Mr. Phillips.

Junior Division "B".

Kung Mo v. Moslems—Recreio, 2.30.—Mr. Stokes.
Boy Scouts v. Kowloon—Caroline Hill, 2.45.—Mr. Lamb.

It should be noted that in the Shield ties, extra time must be played, if necessary. The draw for the second round will be made when the results are known, and these matches will be played next Saturday, subject, of course, to any possible replay.

The final for the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup Competition between China and Scotland has been fixed for February 25th, on the Hongkong Football Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m.

Chinese Athletic Bid.

It being accepted that little short of the sensational can prevent the Chinese Athletic from winning the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League this season, special interest will be attaching to their match with the holders of the Shield to-morrow. The Chinese will make an even stronger bid to win the Shield Competition this season as it is an honour which has never befallen them. Should they prove successful they will win both senior competitions in this same season, an accomplishment only once recorded in the annals of local football, and that by Kowloon two seasons ago.

The K.O.S.B. are an uncertain quantity. To defeat Kowloon in the Shield final last year they gave an exhibition which they have never paralleled before or since. If they can produce the same form to-morrow they are likely to go a step further in the competition, but a failure to rise to the occasion, is likely to mean their elimination. The Chinese are a trifle stiff after the Shanghai trip and this may have an effect, while if the rain which Mr. Claxton has been forecasting descended, the K.O.S.B. prospects would be considerably enhanced.

It should be a keenly contested game, and it may be taken for granted that the accommodation will be taxed to its limits.

The Recreio's Game.

The Club de Recreio meet the Police and the probable result is the subject of much speculation. The Police are a fine Shield-fighting team, and with Wynne and Clark in the best of form should win out.

CRICKET.**H. K. C. C. TEAMS FOR
TO-MORROW'S GAMES.**

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI in their match with the Royal Navy at King's Park to-morrow afternoon at 2 p.m.:
H. R. B. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, A. W. Hayward, D. W. Leach, C. D. Wales, R. W. Lee, O. Moor, A. Reid, H. J. Armstrong, W. K. Tait, and Rev. E. K. Quick.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. 2nd v. the Garrison 2nd, at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground to-morrow at 2 p.m.:
W. Brackenridge, J. R. Collis, H. Griffin, H. Hampton, J. E. Hancock, C. P. James, S. Jordan, G. D. Mead, A. H. Penn, W. L. Smith and H. V. Parker.

Recreio v. R.A.O.C.

The following will represent the Recreio in a League Match against the R.A.O.C. to-morrow at King's Park, starting at 2 p.m.:—H. A. Alves (Capt.), H. M. Xavier, R. C. Reed, H. A. Barroa, C. M. Sousa, J. L. Gutierrez, D. P. Xavier, E. de Sousa, D. F. Lopes and F. H. Carvalho.

THE TEST MATCH.**SOUTH AFRICA'S VICTORY
GLOWINGLY TRIBUTED.**

London, Feb. 9.

The South Africans' sensational victory yesterday in the final test match is the subject of glowing tributes in the English press, and it is generally agreed that, although the honours of the rubber are even, South Africa in the end asserted a definite supremacy over her opponents.

The enterprising leadership of the South African captain, Deane, is warmly praised. Never before has a captain won the toss and sent in his side to bat on three successive occasions, and the result of the final match completely justified his confidence in declaring South Africa first innings closed with a surplus of only 49 runs.

The newspapers believe that South Africa's dashing recovery in the last three matches will have a wholesome effect on cricket everywhere.—*British Wireless.*

LOCAL CRICKET.**LEAGUE TO PLAY SCHOOLS.**

The following will represent the combined League "A" team in their match with the combined Schools at 11 a.m. on Sunday, on the Civil Service ground:—Messrs. R. Hancock (capt.), G. R. Sayer, Lieut.-Comdr. Shaw, W. C. Hung, A. Hamson, F. Zimmern, C. Choa, S. A. Ismail, S. Kermant and A. R. Minu.

HOME FOOTBALL.**WALSALL GAIN SURPRISING
VICTORY.**

London, Feb. 9.

Playing at home to-day in the Third Division (South) of the English League, Charlton Athletic were defeated by Walsall, by three goals to one.—*Reuter.*

The Royal Artillery are a team which may go far in the Shield. They play just the right type of football for this class of game, as a matter of course, and they may be expected to win comfortably against the South China eleven to-morrow.

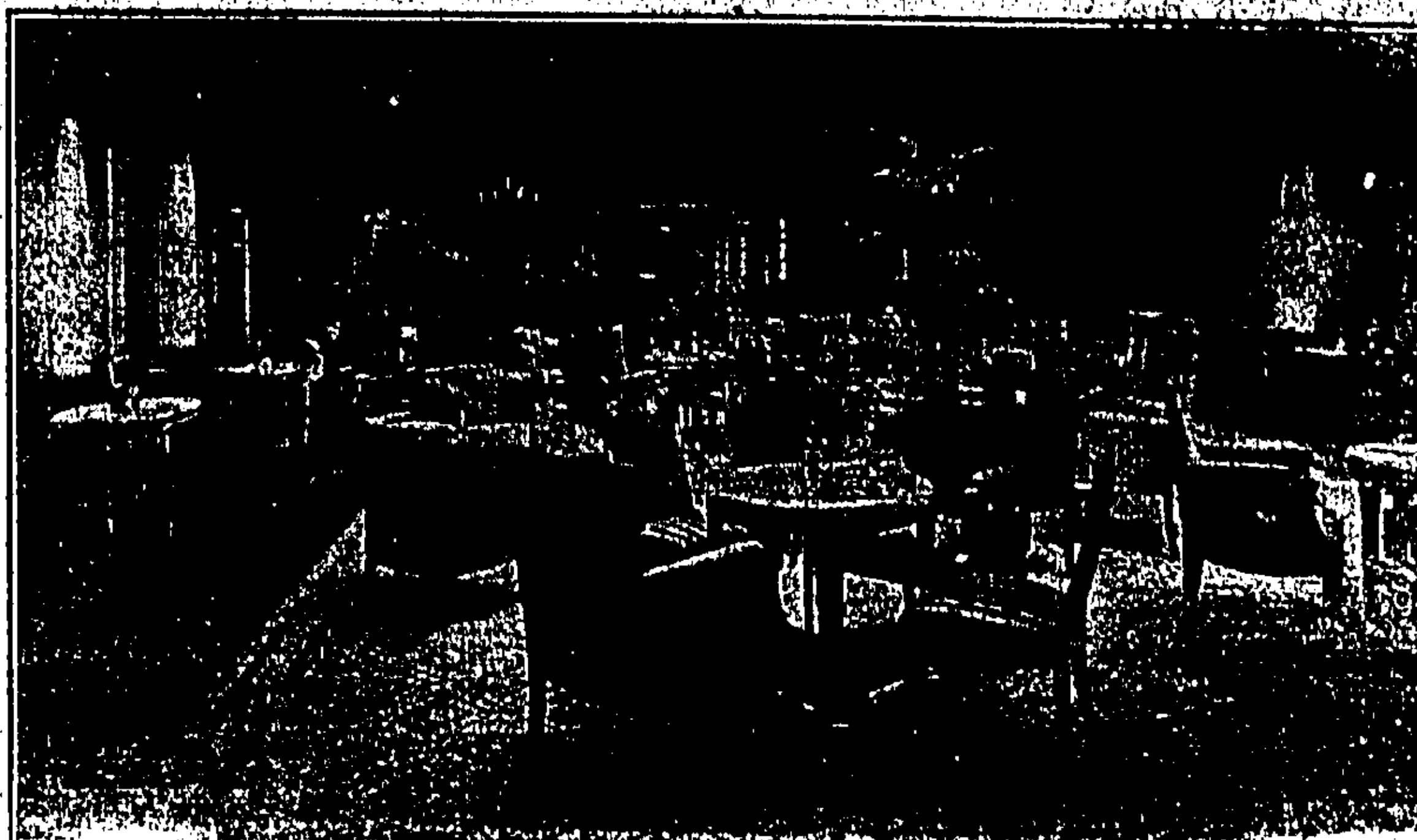
The Junior Shield finds three of the most prominent teams engaged, and they may be expected to win their matches without much difficulty. Two teams which do not compete in the Junior Division "A" are engaged, the Scots Guards Reserves and the St. Joseph's Junior "B" eleven. The Guards are an unknown quantity but should win comfortably.

The League Matches.

Interest in the league matches will be subjugated to that of the Shield. The Queen's were defeated last week by Kowloon, but should return to winning form against the R.A.F., while the Scots Guards should succeed in taking two points from the H.K.F.C.

Friendly Game.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Reserves versus the "Belgenland" on Saturday, the 11th instant, on the Kowloon Ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—Slipper, Guest, Pascoe, Roberts, Biles, Blacklock, Pilo, Dunnett, Spark, Miles, and Eastman. Reserves: V. Haast and F. Nicholls.

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

**"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.**

Matches to be played on February 11th:—

DIVISION I.

Blackburn v Newcastle.
Cardiff v Huddersfield.
Portsmouth v Liverpool.
West Ham v The Arsenal.

DIVISION II.

Clapton v West Brom. A.
Oldham v Manchester C.

DIVISION III.

Luton T. v Millwall.
Plymouth v Swindon.
Stockport v Bradford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath.
Rangers v Motherwell.
Raith R. v Hearts.

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Raith R. v Hearts.

**SEVEN HUNDRED
TOURISTS.**

(Continued from Page 1.)

14. Their average age is 49.64 years, and 56% are of the gentler sex. Approximately 40% of the total are British and the rest American, save for a sprinkling of French, Peruvian and Swedish.

British Tourists.

British passengers, besides those already mentioned, include: The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Anson, London.

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The crew of the Belgenland is practically the same on the present trip as when she came through two years ago and again last year. The principal exception to this is the ship's skipper, Captain William A. Morehouse, who is in command for his first year. Captain Morehouse has been with the Red Star Line for more than 20 years and has been in command of the Lapland and the Pennland before taking up his present post.

Born in Nova Scotia, he served his apprenticeship on the square-rigged sailing ships which sailed from St. John, New Brunswick, and for eight years was on ships engaged in trade with China. During the Spanish-American war he was engaged in carrying troops to the Philippine Islands.

Chaplin's First Employer.

The man who gave Charlie Chaplin, the world-celebrated funny man of the cinema, his first big cinema contract arrived on the Belgenland. The man is Mr. Edwin Thanhouser, pioneer film producer of New York and one of the best-known men in the business. He is accompanied by Mrs. Thanhouser on his tour of the world.

Mrs. Thanhouser is famous as a successful scenario writer and is the author of "Just Off Broadway," a mystery play which is to be produced on board the Belgenland and later on the New York stage.

Mr. Thanhouser is often known as the "father of the scenario" as it was he who first developed the idea of writing a special script for a motion picture film. While he was busy producing pictures, Mrs. Thanhouser spent most of her time writing scenarios.

**OUR DAILY TALK ON
HEALTH.**

A GREAT MEDICAL TASK.

PREVENTING INFLUENZA.

The prevention of influenza is apparently one of the most difficult matters that has confronted physicians since the 1918 epidemic indicated what a terrible mortality this disease could produce in times of exceptional virulence.

In a recent survey of the situation made by Prof. E. O. Jordan of the University of Chicago under a special grant of the American Medical Association, the methods used in the epidemic are viewed critically.

Closing of Schools.

The closing of schools is somewhat out of favour with sanitarians as a means of stopping the spread of infection, since the school is ordinarily a safer place for the average child than the unsupervised playground or street.

Under exceptional circumstances the closing of schools is advisable; as, for example, at a time when the schools are demoralized by the epidemic with most of the teachers absent, medical inspectors overworked and many of the children sick. In a Chicago school studied in 1919, it was found that more cases of influenza developed among the pupils after the Thanksgiving holidays than occurred during the period when the schools were in session.

Similar observations were made by other investigators in other cities and most authorities now believe that if children taken ill are sent home at once there will be no need to close the schools.

Theoretically the prohibition of public gatherings in churches, theatres and moving picture shows would seem to be desirable. On the other hand, there are under the conditions of modern civilization so many opportunities for contacts of one type or another that most health authorities have concluded that little, if anything, is gained in large communities by stopping such assemblages.

In smaller towns and in country districts where large assemblages are not numerous, except under special circumstances, restrictive measures may be of service. In general, the authorities are convinced that the person who limits his points of contact with others to a minimum during an influenza epidemic will probably lessen his chances of becoming infected.

Gas Treatment.

A few years ago a great deal was said about the possible value of chlorine gas or of other germicidal gases in treating and preventing influenza. There does not seem to be as yet sufficient evidence to warrant general adoption of this method.

One of its chief virtues seems to be that it causes the membranes of the nose to pour out secretion copiously, which aids in washing off the bacteria. However, this effect can also be easily achieved by other less costly and less difficult methods.

Mr. Warren F. McGrath of Los Angeles, California, represents the largest family on board the globe-circling steamer, accompanied by Mrs. McGrath and four daughters: Mildred, Margaret, Charlotte and Alberina. He has been in the real estate business for many years.

Mr. B. H. Marshall, accompanied by his son, comes from Chicago, where Mr. Marshall has lived for many years and engaged as an architect. He was the architect for the Drake Hotel and numerous large projects in Chicago and has drawn plans for buildings and homes in various sections of the United States. He is on Mayor Thompson's Commission of One Hundred, which acts in an advisory capacity in the administration of civic affairs of the city.

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CHAPTER IX.

Joyce Allyn woke in her large, bright room with something of the clear sharpness of the morning sunlight flowing through her.

She was fresh and thoroughly alert. Immediately she was thinking of the extraordinary events that had changed peaceful and beautiful Greenhay into a place of mystery, turmoil, and terror.

She found herself dwelling naturally on Martin Stannard. The clearness of the morning seemed to have swept away the indignation and horror she had felt for him. He appeared before her now as a steady-eyed man with firm and attractive features and a sense of clean force in his bearing.

She found that she no longer hated him, and she found that the reasons Otto Rigg had put before her for hating him were, in some way, not at all convincing.

Otto Rigg had confirmed the newspaper in the fact that Martin Stannard was the sixth director of Consolidated Exploitations, the second who had made off with the funds of the company, and so brought ruin to his brother directors and to several thousand poor shareholders.

Otto Rigg had drawn a picture of Martin Stannard as a man whose charm of manner had misled even his intimates, and whose brilliance in finance had enabled him to manipulate accounts in such a way that he was able to make off with the huge fortune which led to the crash of the company.

Nobody had suspected Martin Stannard when, in 19—, he had sailed for New York on the company's business. A month later it was discovered that no less than 21,350,000 was missing. Martin Stannard had not been suspected even then. But when it was discovered that he had sailed not for New York but for South America, and under a false name, it became obvious what had happened. A search through the books had proved that Martin Stannard had with consummate skill and calculation misappropriated the missing money.

The matter was put into the hands of the police, but too late. No trace of the money, nor, until this day, Martin Stannard, had ever been found.

That part of the story was borne out by the newspaper. Otto Rigg's explanation of why Martin Stannard had come back, apparently to attack his brother directors, was equally straightforward—last night, Joyce had then been thoroughly convinced by Otto Rigg. Why was it she wasn't so convinced now? Joyce could not quite remember all that Otto had said; the details he set out were wonderful, intricate, and convincing—last night.

In effect, his story came to this: Stannard, for reasons of his own, and perhaps to cover himself, had so manipulated the books of Consolidated Exploitations that it looked as though each of the other five directors was also a party to his guilt. Disclosure of the books as they were first discovered meant that each one of those innocent men would be sent to gaol.

"I don't want to play on your sympathies, Joyce," said the wily Otto Rigg. "I can only say we were panic-stricken at the possibility of being arrested for a monstrous crime of which we were not guilty. We did things, illegal things—as the law looks at it. Frankly, we put those books right. If you like, we falsified the books, but only to defend the four trustees Stannard had played on us; only to prove our innocence. We had to save ourselves."

Joyce could see the truth of that. She understood and sympathized—last night.

Thanks to the falsification, or, as Otto preferred to call it, the correction of the books, the five innocent directors had come through the public examination of the accounts without a stain on their characters.

Stannard, of course, had not. Nothing could cover up Stannard's huge theft. The five of them at one time had hoped to put down enough money—though it might mean ruin to themselves—to make up what had been stolen. But the sum was too large. It was impossible to meet it.

Well, then, this was the reason why they feared Stannard. That roguish knew that he had doctored the books to incriminate those who trusted him, and, since they had come free, he knew that they must have tampered with the books, put themselves within reach of the law. That was his power over them. It was probably his threat of disclosing these facts that drove poor Seward Gamlin to suicide.

"You mean Martin Stannard was trying to blackmail Mr. Gamlin?" cried Joyce.

"I think he was," said Otto. "I can't see any other explanation, my dear. It looks as though Stannard, having frittered away the money he stole, wants more. He demanded it from Seward, and Seward, seeing the old horror being reopened, and realising what a criminal of Stannard's cleverness can do—well, Seward, like the weak man he was, took the last desperate step. That may not be the explanation, but it is the only understandable one to me."

"Yes, it is logical," agreed Joyce, won by Otto's show of candour. "But what about this gift to the Public Trustee? Where does that fit in?"

Otto made a hopeless gesture. "There, Joyce, I am absolutely baffled. Like you, I can't fit it in at all. Whether it is some deep devilry on Stannard's part—a threat to frighten the rest of us, for instance; whether Seward picked him into, positing that letter; whether Stannard is lying, and did not post it, but is making the most of it because he realises that Gamlin must have slipped out to do it in order to defend him, I don't know. All I do know is that if Stannard did post that letter, as he says he did, then there is some deep and ugly reason behind it that fills me with fear."

Yes, it was plausible of Otto. Joyce had been entirely on his side against the man whom the law, and her own feelings, had deemed a criminal. She had even seen the force of Otto's reason for not putting the police on to Stannard—yet, Otto wanted to get at Stannard first through Seward, and try to reason with him, or find out how to protect himself against the man's criminal tongue. Fear, he admitted, was forcing him to hold his hand, and to Joyce it had appeared the most natural attitude in the world—last night.

Last night—but in this clear morning light, with her anger against Martin Stannard gone, she was curiously doubtful. Had Otto been too plausible? Had he been misleading her once more?

She wasn't stupid. She knew that innocent people do do foolish things in the desperation of panic. But was it all convincing? Did it fit in with the posting of that sum of money to the Public Trustee? Did it fit in with Stannard's attitude? True, she couldn't understand how there could be any other explanation but blackmail, considering the published facts of Stannard's past—but could she convince herself that Stannard was a blackmailer?

Martin Stannard had never attempted to deceive her. He had told her what facts he could frankly, even though they injured him on her emotions. He didn't make up explanations on the spur of the moment, but had bluntly refused to tell anything, though his refusal would put his actions in an ugly light. He had been straightforward all the time.

His attitude, in fact, was—honest! It was an extraordinary thing to say, but it was a fact. He had acted like an honest man.

And Otto? She did not know. Otto had already made her doubt and fear him. And that doubt and fear returned again.

At breakfast Otto was pleasant, friendly. He was even anxious about her. He said, "I'm afraid you are feeling the strain of these trying circumstances, Joyce, my dear. You look done up."

"But I'm not," she cried in surprise, and tried not to feel that he might have some ulterior reason for his unexpected words, "I've never felt so fit."

"Ah," he smiled. "That's not a good sign, that false vigour. It generally comes after strain, and generally means a sudden collapse. Look here, my dear, there's no reason why you should be disturbed by attending the inquest this morning. No need at all."

Didn't he want her to attend the inquest? She wasn't a witness, so there was no reason why she should go, but she resolved to go. She was still uncertain what she ought to do—did he feel that? Did he want to guard against her speaking?

"Really, I'm all right," she cried. "I'm not in the least tired, and the inquest won't try me."

She spoke truthfully then, she wasn't really tired. But a little later, when taking dictation from Otto, she began to feel a lassitude. Otto, it seemed, was right. The false vigour of the morning was passing, leaving her limp and weak and drowsy.

Otto saw it, smiled kindly. "I told you so, my dear. You are beginning to feel the strain. There, rest quietly in that chair until it is time to go to the court. Don't worry or exert yourself."

OFFICIAL TRIALS.

H.M.S. NELSON EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.

London, Feb. 9. It is authoritatively stated that the new British battleship, H.M.S. Nelson, in her official trials last year developed, without undue forcing, a shaft horsepower of 46,000, a mean speed of 23½ knots and that her manoeuvring was completely satisfactory. Her designed horsepower was 45,000 and her speed 23 knots.

H.M.S. Nelson is the flagship of Vice Admiral Sir Hubert Brand, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, and is now engaged on a Spring cruise in the Mediterranean. Further experience of her powers has produced satisfaction.—British Wireless.

Surgeon Captain W. W. Kier, C.M.G., M.B., has been appointed to H.M.S. Tamar for the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong.

He went over to talk to Hugo Shanly and Pedden, who had just come in. How drowsy she felt! She shut her eyes. She heard Hugo's hysterical voice talking about Henry Maker. Hugo was put out because Maker was late—"Henry ought to be here. He must show up at a moment like this. It must be carried off boldly."

What a funny, excitable white weasel Hugo Shanly was. How that Pedden answered? "How heavy she was, she must not let it make her doze. Yes, Pedden, Pedden saying that the inquest would be all right. Careful, she was nearly asleep then. Pedden said all right. There would be no doubt about the verdict. The verdict would be what they wanted, but she couldn't hear. Had he said "would" or "was"? She was heavy. Was he saying, "That's satisfactory, anyhow"? Was Hugo Shanly angry because Henry Maker would not turn up for the inquest, or because he "had" not turned up for the inquest? She half roused herself. It had sounded exactly as though Maker "had" not turned up for the inquest. A wave of drowsiness flooded over her.

It was Hugo talking again. Hugo saying: "But it's not finished yet, Otto. You know it isn't. Those papers. Yes, every paper connected with 19—gone. Absolutely gone. Stannard took them. Of course it was Stannard. God, I wonder what that fool Gamlin put into those diaries and papers. Mark me, those papers mean something. We haven't finished yet—though the verdict has been in our favour."

They had got their verdict at the inquest already. But the inquest hadn't been held yet. (To be continued.)

A SMART CAPTURE.

ARMED ROBBERY BY THREE MEN PREVENTED.

An exceptionally smart piece of work was performed by a Chinese detective at Mongkok on the evening of January 21, when he was instrumental in effecting the arrest of three Chinese who were armed in preparation to commit a robbery at Kowloon City.

How the men were prevented from carrying out their intentions was described before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when Inspector Fallon prosecuted two of them on charges of being in possession of a dagger each, as well as a wine cup, pieces of cloth and coils of wire.

According to Inspector Fallon, a Chinese detective gained knowledge of the presence of two armed men who were partaking of a meal at the Hong Sung Tea House in Shanghai Street, Mongkok. Together with a party of Police, the Inspector, accompanied by the detective, visited the tea-house in question and on entering two Chinese were taken into custody.

On the person of one of the men was found a dagger, a wine cup, a piece of cloth and a quantity of wire. This man gave the Police information which led to the arrest of yet another man outside a matched in Argyle Street. On this man was found a dagger, a piece of cloth and some wire.

The cloth, wine cup and wire, said Inspector Fallon, were implements used in armed robberies. The Police had reason to believe that they had intended to commit a robbery at Kowloon City.

Both defendants, in answer to the charge pleaded guilty and in reply to the Bench the first defendant said that he had been given the dagger by a certain Li Ki.

Mr. Schofield: For what purpose?

Defendant: To rob. The man arrested with only the wire, wine cup and a piece of cloth in his possession was then brought before Mr. Schofield, who alone adjudicated. This man was sentenced to three months' hard labour, for being in possession of implements fit for an unlawful purpose.

BULGARIAN BANDITS.

WAYLAY AND BEAT BRITISH CONSUL.

Belgrade, Feb. 9. Bandits waylaid and beat Mr. J. Purcell, British Consul at Korti-chak, Albania, when on morning near Vrochichte on the Serbo-Albanian frontier with the English Major Barbrock, who is Inspector of the Albanian police. The car was wrecked.—Reuter.

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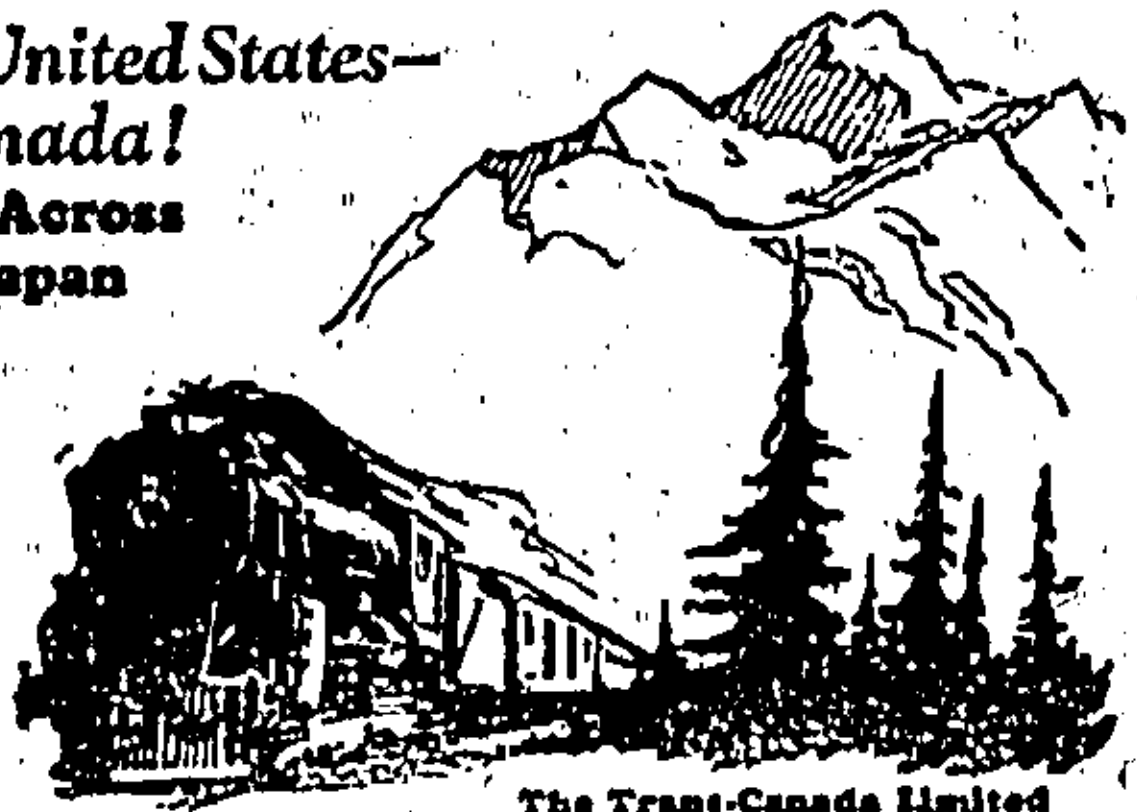
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 316. Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. Orders By Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant.

Hong Kong, Friday, 10th February, 1928.

1. Musketry. Sunday, 12th February. The Reserve Company will fire Part I Table T. at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 12th February, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. A. M. Thornhill.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10.

Dress: Uniform or muffi optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m. or 6 and 8 p.m. and on Saturday, 11th February, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

2. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February, for Signal Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

3. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February.

The Annual Dinner of the Artillery Company will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Friday, 24th February. If any old member of the Company desires to attend will be kindly communicate with L/Bdr. L. F. Nicholson, c/o The H.K. & China Gas Co., Ltd. from whom all particulars can be gained.

4. Mounted Infantry Company.

There will be a lecture at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Friday, 10th February, 1928.

5. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Field Exercise on Saturday, 11th February. Parade at Corps Headquarters under Sergt. Robson (unless otherwise detailed) at 2.50 p.m. ready to move off at 3 p.m. Dress: Uniform with shorts, puttees and hussars; helmet, belt and bandoliers. Greatcoats may be carried if cold.

No parade on Monday, 13th February, 1928.

Motor Cycle Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February for special class for instruction under Lieut. J. E. Hancock for those previously detailed.

There will be a tactical ride in the New Territories on Sunday, 19th February, 1928.

Parade at Kowloon Railway Station at 10.30 a.m. Dress: Tunic, breeches, puttees, belt and helmet.

6. Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I. Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 19th February.

No. 1 Platoon. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 17th February for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muffi.

7. Scottish Company.

Thursday 16th February at 5.30 p.m. No. 5 Platoon will parade at Platoon Headquarters (Tailor Dock) for Squad and Arms Drill.

No. 6 Platoon will parade at Platoon Headquarters (Kowloon Dock) for Squad and Arms Drill.

No. 7 Platoon will parade at Corps Headquarters for Vickers Gun Instruction.

Pipers and Drummers will parade at Corps Headquarters for practice at 6.15 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February. Route March. Thursday, 23rd February. The Company will parade

at full strength on above date at Kowloon Ferry and march to Kowloon Dock where No. 6 Platoon have kindly consented to be "At Home" to Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons.

Coming Events.

Sunday, 26th February, 1928. Part I. Musketry at Stonecutters. Sunday, 4th March, 1928. Shoot against 2nd Bn. K. O. S. Borderers. Sunday, 1st April, 1928. Inter Platoon Shoot for "Dyer" Cup, "Quarry Bay" Cup, Guard Mounting, etc. will be completed for in April after Easter Holidays.

8. Portuguese Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 10th February for Squad and Arms Drill. Dress: Muffi, belt, sling, rifle and bayonet.

N. C. Os and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections will parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16th February for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Next Company parade on Friday, 17th February, 1928.

9. Reserve Company.

Musketry Part I. Table T. will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 12th February. Particulars see order No. 1.

10. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:—

No. 1298 Pte. R. Kirkwood, No. 7 Platoon, as from 2.2.28.

No. 1299 Pte. H. S. Berent, A. Car Company, as from 8.2.28.

11. Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 322 Drummer R. B. Bell, No. 5 Platoon, from 5.3.28. to 4.4.28.

No. 1099 Pl. A. E. McCartney, M. I. Company from 28.1.28. until returning to the Colony.

No. 727 Sergt. W. H. Owen, Eng. Co. from 1.3.28. to 10.3.28.

12. Marksman.

The undermentioned has qualified as marksman and is entitled to wear the badge for one year:—

No. 491 Piper G. Nisbet, No. 5 Platoon 91 points.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major. Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

Notice.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club.

The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, 12th February, at 9.30 a.m.

London, Feb. 9.

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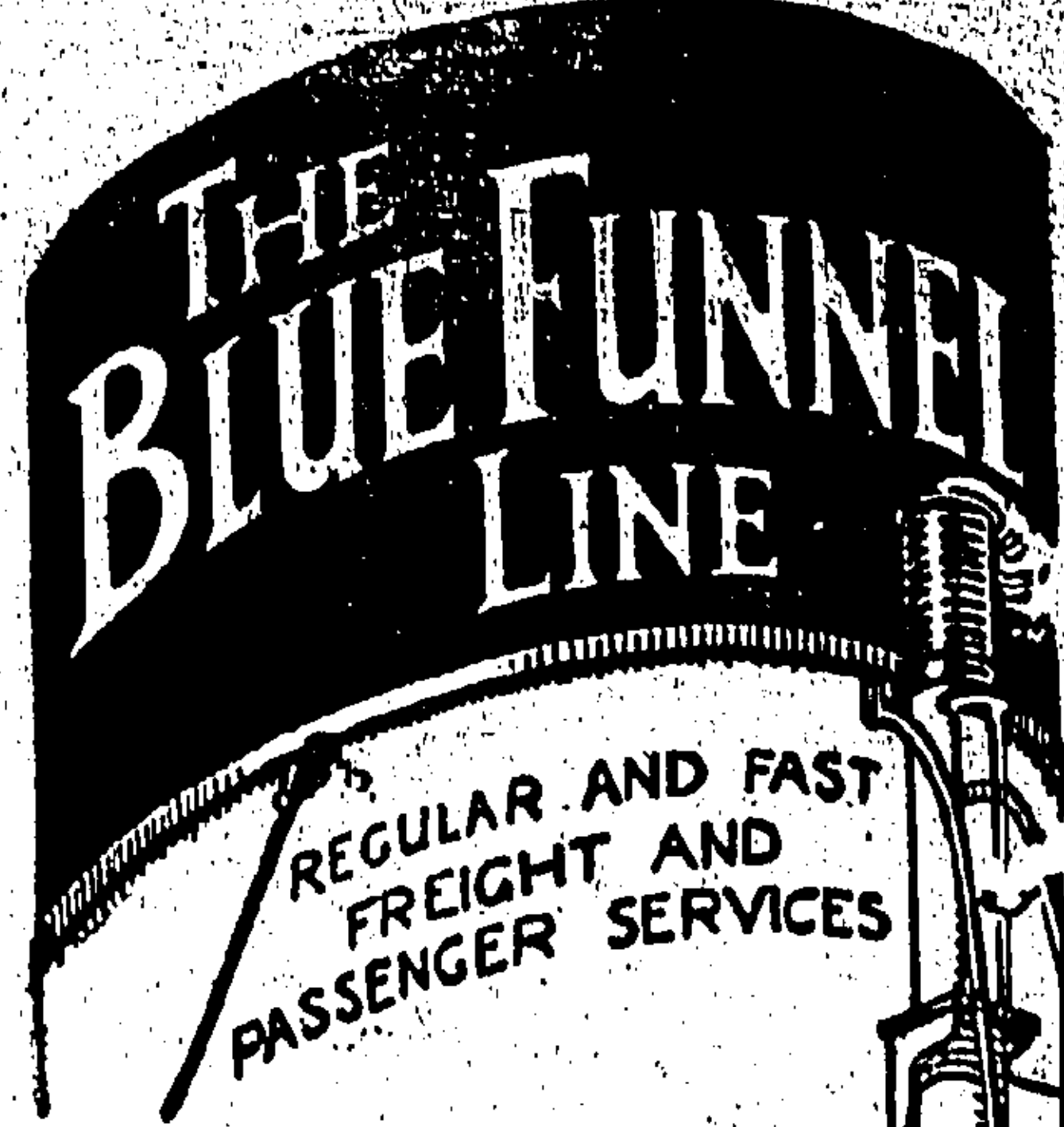
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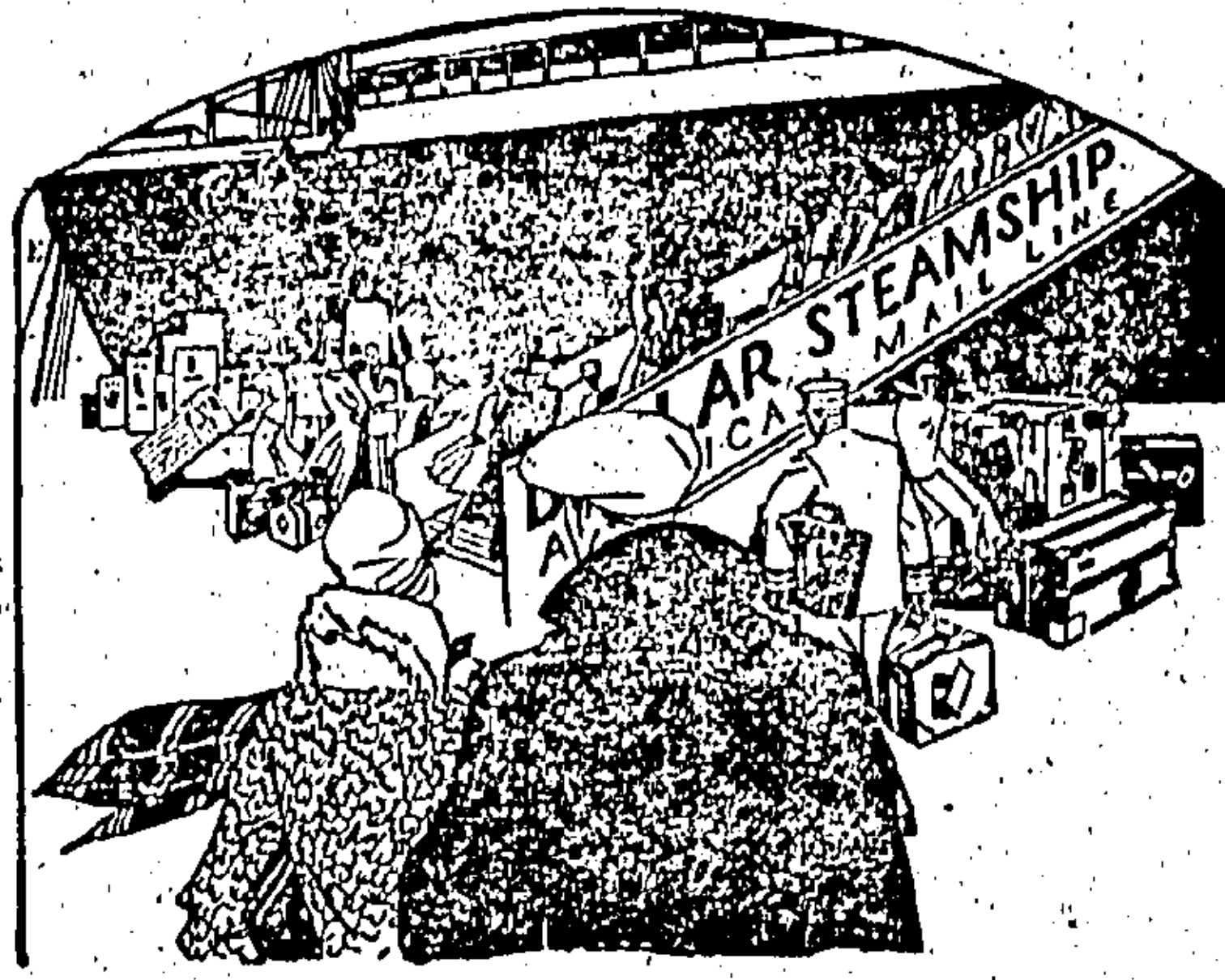
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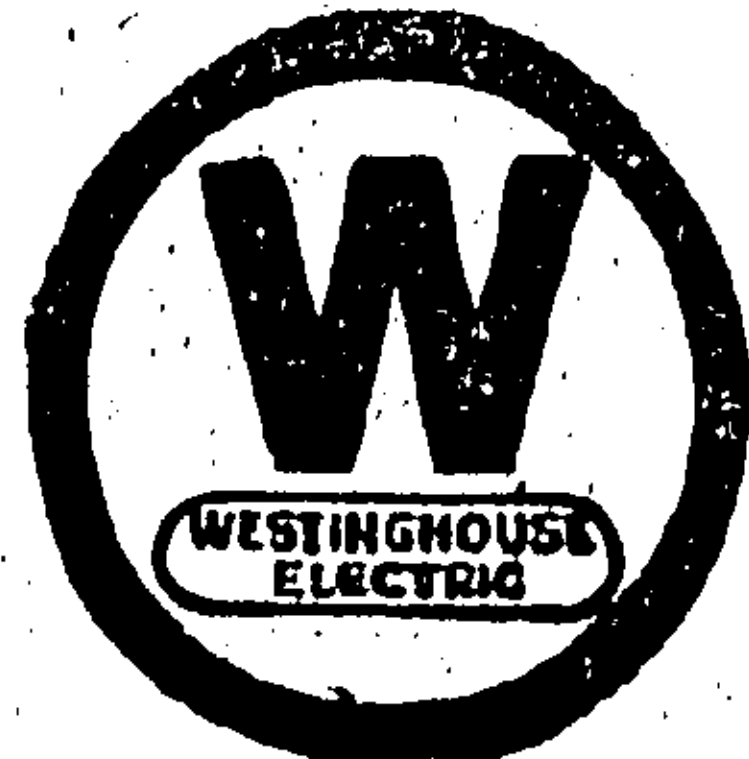
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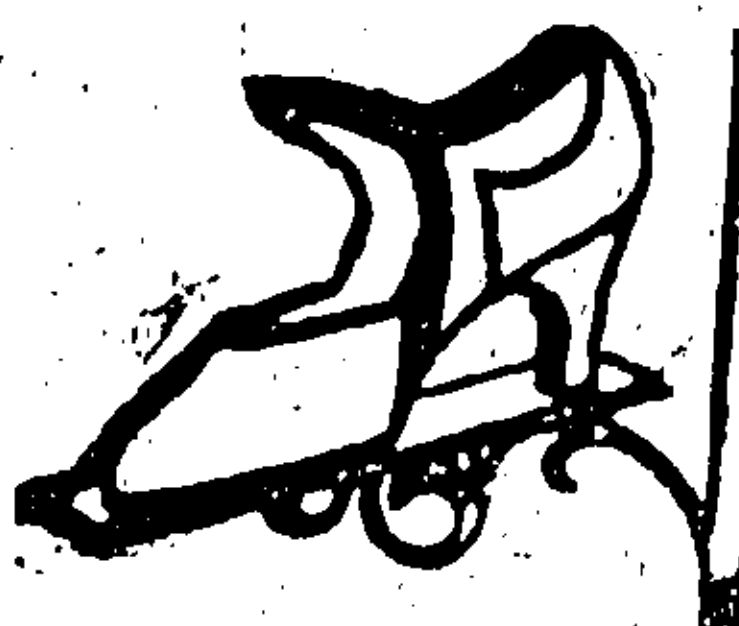
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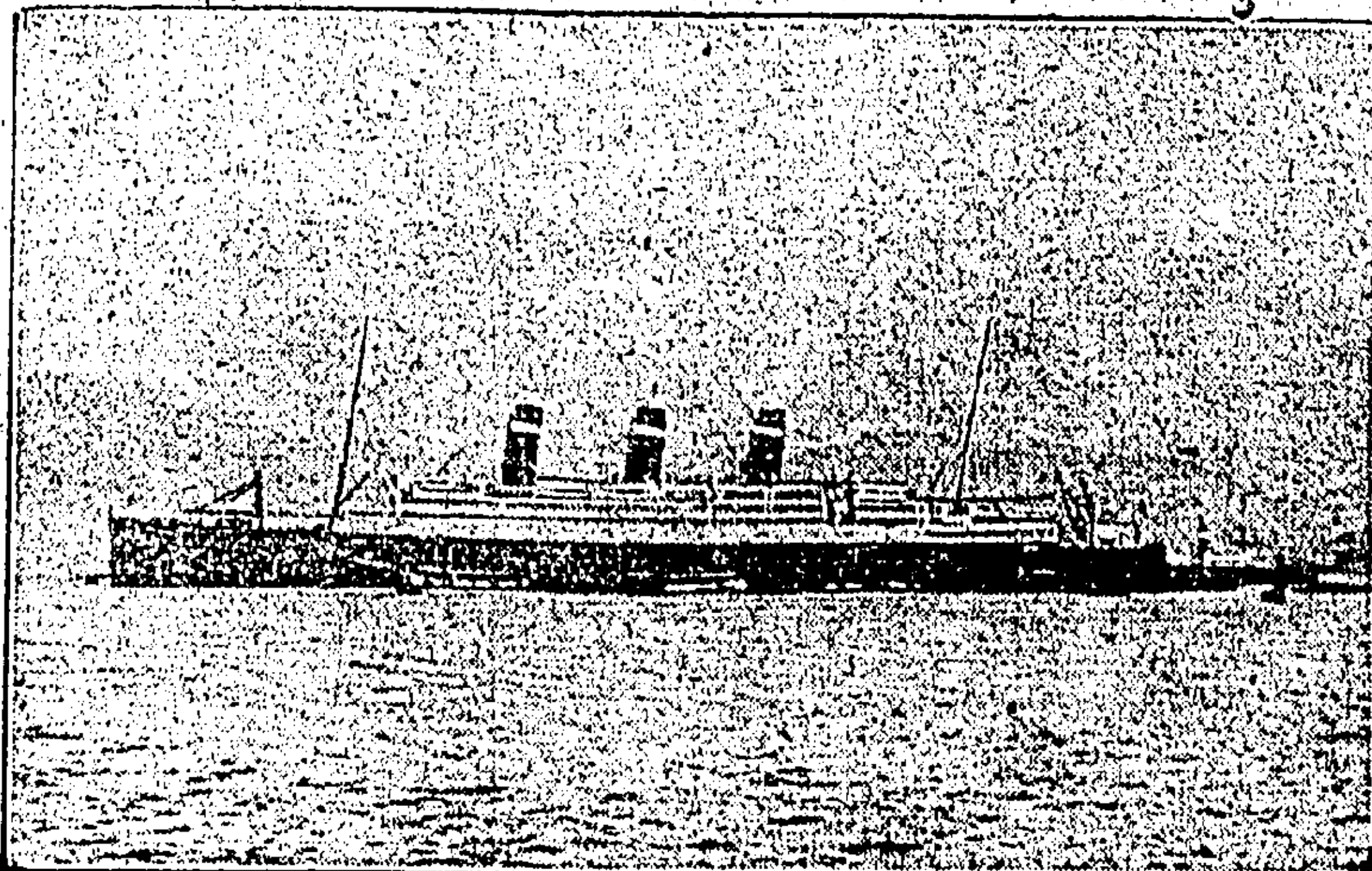


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Above is the Red Star liner Belgeland, which arrived in port this morning with over 800 tourists, who are on a cruise of the world.

RUBBER SLUMP IN LONDON.

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his opinion of restriction is all the more interesting in view of the discussions at present agitating rubber circles.

According to Sir Elly Kadoorie, restriction must be allowed to remain and disappear automatically with the improvement in the price of rubber. It has, he declared, done an immense amount of good to all the rubber estates here, and had proved to be the only method whereby the rubber producing assets of the country could be safeguarded without loss. Were it not for restriction, he said, the price of rubber would now be at 6d or 7d, and estates which could not tide over such a condition of things would be killing the trees in an endeavour to produce enough rubber to meet working expenses. The Government, in compelling restriction, had acted as a guardian to the rubber producing industry.

Now that there is a prospect of the demand for rubber increasing, Sir Elly continued, the rubber planted areas will be fit to meet the demand, whereas if they had been tapping to the maximum extent throughout the restriction years, they would not be in a position to do so. As far as the present demand is concerned, the present production and surplus is quite sufficient to meet it, and if it should not be sufficient next year, the percentage can be slightly raised.

Working at Loss.

Speaking of the statement made recently that to produce 100 tons at 1s. was better than to produce 55 tons at 2s., Sir Elly said that at the present time this was not so. It would merely be putting money into the pockets of those who were buying the rubber, and forcing people who had invested in rubber producing concerns not only to work without a dividend, but to work at a loss. It would also be a drain on the life of the trees.

With regard to the danger of rubber being planted in non-restriction territories, there was nothing to be feared from that. In fact, in a way, it would be a good thing if it was done for the people who did it would understand the difficulties and risks which had to be faced by the British planter in the early days of rubber growing.

Trees Rested.

Restriction had allowed the trees in Malaya to rest and recuperate, and those in charge of estates to get their estates in order, and necessary work done, and when the demand increased, as it was bound to do, they would be ready to meet it. If there had been no restriction, people could not be expected to invest their money in rubber. With the price at 6d or 7d there would be no inducement, when, in America, money could be solidly invested to bring in eight or ten per cent. If the buyers of rubber wanted more of the commodity, they should offer a better price, and then there would be no difficulty. They wanted to keep up their profits at the expense of the rubber producer. At present rubber was costing 1/3 to produce, and it could not possibly be sold at a shilling. When estimating the cost of production, the whole estate had to be taken into account, and by the end of the year when the report was issued, with all expenses of building etc. there was not much left for the shareholders. People could not be expected to put their capital into such a risky undertaking as rubber production unless they got twelve or fifteen per cent. on their money.

A Temporary Measure.

In conclusion, Sir Elly said that restriction was a temporary mea-

THE TEAPOT DOME ENQUIRY.

YOUNG MR. ROCKEFELLER GETS SUMMONS.

Washington, Feb. 9.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junior, has been summoned to appear before the Senate Teapot Dome Enquiry.

The Committee will not have any special question to ask him, but it is hoped that Mr. Rockefeller, with his inside knowledge of the oil business, may put the Committee on the track of evidence which it lacks.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHANG TSO-LIN AND SHANSI.

REPORTED OFFER OF TERRITORY.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

It is reported from Tai Yuan that Marshal Chang Tso-lin is negotiating with Marshal Yen Shisan, of Shansi, for the return of the special territory of Charhar and Suyuen to the latter on condition that an Armistice be reached between them.

However, it is stated that the authorities have not yet given their answer and it is believed that they are not inclined to accept the offer.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

PETROL PRICE WAR PREDICTED.

RESULT OF AMERICAN OVER-PRODUCTION.

New York, Feb. 9.

Mr. A. S. Debenham, representing Sir Henri Deterding, interviewed on arriving at New York on board the s.s. Berengaria, declined to discuss the Standard Oil Company's purchase of oil from the Soviet, but declared that American over-production would cause a price war and unless this was remedied no amicable adjustment was possible.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MORE OVERCAST WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central over south-west Japan. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate, overcast.

sure which would slowly disappear of its own accord when the price was high enough to give a decent return on capital. When the price went up to 2s, it would mean that restriction was finished. In the meantime, the estates had been saved for the time when they would want to be used most. If the Malayan estates had been in China there would be nothing left of them by now. The first year with rubber at three or four shillings would have finished them. It was the duty of the Government to protect the trees. He was told that there was \$300,000,000 of English money invested in the rubber industry. This mostly belonged to people who depended upon their investments to get something to live upon. If restriction was removed and the price went down to 6d. or 7d., these people would lose and it was the duty of the Government to see that this did not happen.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1245 b.
Chartered Bank, \$213 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$1321 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$733 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$6175 b.
Union Ins., \$305 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$464 b.
China Underwriters, \$24 b.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$685 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$42 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$290 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$36 n.
Shell Trans., \$5/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$17 X. Div b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 b.
Kailans, \$4/- b.
Lampkats, Tls. \$182 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.85 n.
Raubs, \$44 b.
Tronols, 17/6 b.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$135 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$471 b.
China Providents, \$6.15 ba.
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 97 b.
Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.55 sa.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 48 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.35 b.
H. K. Lands, \$65 b. X. Div.
Shai Lands T's, \$133 b.
Humphreys, \$151 b.
Realities, \$8.90 b.
Territorials, \$14 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$27 n.
Peak Trams, (old), \$14 n.
Star Ferries, \$67 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$17.85 n.
H'kong Electric, \$724 s.
Macao Electric, \$21 X. Rights b.
Telephones \$4.40 sa.
China Buses, Tls. 64 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.
Industrials.

China Sugars, \$92 b.
Malabons, \$273 n.
Canton Ice, \$1 b.
Coments (Comb.) \$11.40 s.
Ropes (Old) \$9.80 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$19 b.
Watsons, \$124 b.
Dur A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.10 s.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$9 b.
Wm. Powell, \$5 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$284 b.
Constructions, \$14 n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prev.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The county of Monmouthshire, which until 1928 was part of the Welsh Kingdom of Gwent, 2. Days from the Milky Way, with thirty times the penetrative power of X-rays. 3. The Bristol Corporation's record of men sent to West Indian and Virginian plantations between 1628 and 1632. 4. The Eiffel Tower, because the framework is decreasing. 5. That James VI. of Scotland agreed to the execution of his mother, Mary Queen of Scots, so that he might become James I. of England. 6. The Yorkshire Regiment, whose first colonel was Sir Charles Howard (1788), and whose uniform had green-green facings. 7. The Village festival of the Sun, which is still kept in the Shetlands. 8. The tap of the King's sword, in conferring the honour of knighthood. 9. In George Bernard Shaw's "Man and Superman" the character is John Tanner. 10. The Order of the Garter. 11. The Order of Merit, which is limited to twenty-four members. 12. Greater London's population is 4,466,168; Greater New York's 6,109,884.

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